



School of Arts & Science  
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

MATH 230 Section 1  
Modern Algebra  
Winter 2007

## COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ \_\_\_\_\_

Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.  
It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

### 1. Instructor Information

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| (a) | Instructor:   |                    |
| (b) | Office Hours: |                    |
| (c) | Location:     |                    |
| (d) | Phone:        | Alternative Phone: |
| (e) | Email:        |                    |
| (f) | Website:      |                    |

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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(No changes are to be made to this section, unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through EDCO for approval.)

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

1. Translate English statements into symbolic form and determine the truth value of the statement using truth tables or previously established equivalences between the logical connectives.
2. Formally prove that two sets are equal either by showing that each is contained in the other or by using identities which hold in any Boolean Algebra.
3. Compute the composition of two maps and distinguish between injective, surjective and bijective maps.
4. Prove mathematical statements using one of the Principles of Mathematical Induction.
5. Determine the solution set of congruences modulo some positive integer.
6. Carry out computations in the ring of integers modulo some positive integer.
7. Classify the elements of a ring as a unit, a zero divisor, an idempotent or a nilpotent element.
8. Prove or disprove, as the case may be, that a given algebraic system is a (i) group, (ii) ring, (iii) integral domain, (iv) field.
9. Prove when a subset of a group (resp. ring, field) is a subgroup (resp. subring, subfield).
10. Apply the isomorphism theorems to prove properties of the algebraic systems studied.
11. Provide numerous concrete examples to demonstrate the abstract theorems.

### 3. Required Materials

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|-----|-------|--|
| (a) | Texts |  |
| (b) | Other |  |

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class assignments, quizzes, or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicals, etc.)

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### 5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)

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|-----|---|--|
| (a) | Assignments                                       |  |
| (b) | Quizzes   |  |
| (c) | Exams   |  |
| (d) | Other<br>(eg, Attendance,<br>Project, Group Work) |  |

### 6. Grading System

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#### Standard Grading System (GPA)

| Percentage | Grade | Description                          | Grade Point Equivalency |
|------------|-------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 95-100     | A+    |                                      | 9                       |
| 90-94      | A     |                                      | 8                       |
| 85-89      | A-    |                                      | 7                       |
| 80-84      | B+    |                                      | 6                       |
| 75-79      | B     |                                      | 5                       |
| 70-74      | B-    |                                      | 4                       |
| 65-69      | C+    |                                      | 3                       |
| 60-64      | C     |                                      | 2                       |
| 50-59      | D     |                                      | 1                       |
| 0-49       | F     | Minimum level has not been achieved. | 0                       |

#### Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) or information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

| Temporary Grade | Description   |
|-----------------|---|
| I               | <i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family. |

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| <b>IP</b> | <i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.   |
| <b>CW</b> | <i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement. |

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## 7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

### LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

[ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED](#)



## Mathematics 230 Modern Algebra Winter, 2007

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**Timetable:**

| Time                | Monday                         | Tuesday               | Wednesday                      | Thursday              | Friday |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| 8:30 am – 11:20 am  |                                |                       |                                |                       |        |
| 11:30 am – 12:20 pm | Math 126<br>Room Y217          | Math 126<br>Room Y217 | Math 126<br>Room Y217          | Math 126<br>Room Y217 |        |
| 12:30 pm – 1:20 pm  | Office Hour<br>E256            | Office Hour<br>E256   | Office Hour<br>E256            | Office Hour<br>E256   |        |
| 1:30 pm – 2:20 pm   |                                |                       |                                |                       |        |
| 2:30 pm – 3:20 pm   | Math 230<br>Room Y217          | Math 230<br>Room Y217 | Math 230<br>Room Y217          | Math 230<br>Room Y217 |        |
| 3:30 pm – 4:20 pm   |                                |                       |                                |                       |        |
| 4:30 pm – 5:20 pm   | Office Hour<br>E256            |                       | Office Hour<br>E256            |                       |        |
| 5:30 pm – 7:50 pm   | Math 072<br>Sec 3<br>Room E346 |                       | Math 072<br>Sec 3<br>Room E346 |                       |        |

**Important Dates:**

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|-------------|--------------------------|
| January 8   | First day of class       |
| January 22  | Tuition fees due date    |
| February 8  | Reading Break (no class) |
| March 12    | Withdrawal date deadline |
| April 9     | Easter Monday (no class) |
| April 12    | Last day of class        |
| April 16-24 | Final Exam Period        |

**Calendar Description:** A first course in proofs and theoretical mathematics for mathematics, physics and computer science students. Topics include: sets, mappings, integers including postulates, induction, factorization and congruencies, groups including permutations, rings, integral domains, fields and polynomials and their factorization. [4 Credits]

(Source: Camosun College 2006-2007 Calendar  
<http://www.camosun.bc.ca/calendar/current/web/math.html>)

**Prerequisites:** *Fall, 2006 and earlier:* A- in MATH 110 or B in MATH 111 or C+ in MATH 220.  
*Winter, 2007 and later:* B+ in MATH 110 or MATH 126.

**UVic Transfer:** A passing grade (D or higher) in this course will earn you transfer credit for UVic's Math 233C "Introduction to Algebra" course.

**Required Textbook:** *Modern Algebra* by Clive Reis, Camosun College Printshop, 2007.

**Course Content:**  
Chapter 1 Logic and Proofs  
Chapter 2 Set Theory  
Chapter 3 Cartesian Products, Relations, Maps, and Binary Operations  
Chapter 4 The Integers  
Chapter 5 Elementary Properties of Groups  
Chapter 6 Further Properties of Groups  
Chapter 7 The Symmetric Groups  
Chapter 8 Rings, Integral Domains, and Fields  
Chapter 9 Polynomial Rings

**A&S Math Lab:** Ewing 224: This drop-in centre is freely available for your use to work on math homework and to seek help from the tutor on staff (see hours posted on door).

**Study Time:** It is recommended that approximately 8-10 hours per week be spent studying for this course outside of class time.

**Calculator Policy:** As per Math Department policy, the only calculator permitted for use on tests and the final exam is the Sharp EL-531W scientific calculator. No other make/model of calculator is permitted, nor are other electronic devices such as cell phones, PDAs, laptop computers, MP3 players, electronic translators, etc.



**Assignments:** There will be seven assignments to be handed in for marking.

**Tests:** There will be two term tests, Test 1 covering ch. 1-4 on Thursday, February 15 and Test 2 covering ch. 5-7 on Thursday, March 29.

**Final Exam:** A comprehensive final exam covering ch. 1-9 will take place during the final exam period of April 16-24. The specific date, time, and location will be announced sometime in February. You must write the final exam at this time as per Camosun College's policy on final examinations. See [http://www.camosun.bc.ca/calendar/2006/pdf\\_version/academic.pdf](http://www.camosun.bc.ca/calendar/2006/pdf_version/academic.pdf).

**Grade Calculation:** The final grade will be calculated according to the following breakdown:

|                    |     |
|--------------------|-----|
| Seven Assignments: | 25% |
| Two Term Tests:    | 25% |
| Final Exam:        | 50% |

**Grade Scale:** Final letter grades are assigned as follows:

|      |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |
|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| 0-49 | 50-59 | 60-64 | 65-69 | 70-74 | 75-79 | 80-84 | 85-89 | 90-94 | 95-100 |
| F    | D     | C     | C+    | B-    | B     | B+    | A-    | A     | A+     |

For information on Camosun College's grading policy, see <http://www.camosun.bc.ca/policies/Education-Academic/E-1-Programming-&-Instruction/E-1.5.pdf>.