MATH 341 101 Introduction to Discrete Mathematics

Web-Oriented Course Tue Thu 14:00 15:30

Pre-regs: One of MATH 220, MATH 223, MATH 226, CPSC 121.

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All course material will be hosted on the <u>Canvas</u> course page.

We will loosely follow the book "Combinatorics : a very short introduction" by Robin Wilson. The UBC Library link is: https://courses.library.ubc.ca/i.JvjBP6

- 1. What is combinatorics?
- 2. Four types of problems
- 3. Permutations and combinations
- 4. A combinatorial zoo
- 5. Tilings and polyhedra
- 6. Graphs
- 7. Square arrays
- 8. Designs and geometry
- 9. Partitions

We will spend (typically) 3 lectures on each topic. The lectures will be recorded and posted on Canvas.

There will be an exam week when you have two chances to write a midterm and only the best will count. (I will post a detailed explanation of the rules later).

There will be regular homeworks posted on Canvas. You have to type the answers using a technical typesetting system, called LaTex. In case you don't know it: LaTex is very easy to learn and it will be useful in your future studies and work. I suggest using the online system, Overleaf.

https://www.overleaf.com/

You should submit your solutions in a pdf file generated by the latex editor. I will post the questions in tex, so you can easily edit the file to write your answers directly there.

For learning goals and other details about the course please refer to the intro letter I sent you (also available on Canvas).

This term we will be using Piazza for class discussion. The system is highly catered to getting you help fast and efficiently from classmates and the TA. Rather than emailing questions, I encourage you to post your questions on Piazza. (Starting Sept. 8.) Find our class page here.

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