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Office Hours: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Mondays, 10:00 am - 12:00 n Tuesdays, 2:00 - 3:00
Wednesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm Thursdays, or by appointment.

Text: Modern Algebra, 6th Edition by John R. Durbin (You may use Durbin's 5th edition if you
can find a copy.)

Prerequisite: Math 3034

Assignments & Quizzes: Homework will be assigned regularly during most class meetings and
will be due at the start of the next class. Exception: Homework assigned for Mondays will
be considered “on time” provided it is turned in by 3:00 pm on Monday. Written homework
may or may not be collected, but if an assignment is collected, selected but unannounced
problems will be graded. Late Homework Policy: You may, during the semester, turn in at
most two late assignments for full credit provided I receive your homework no later than 2
pm on the day after it is due in class. No additional late assignments will be accepted.

All assignments must be typed or neatly written and submitted on paper. Scanned electronic
submissions will not be accepted unless you are out of town due to illness or family emergency
and provide appropriate documentation.

There will be an in-class quiz on most Fridays consisting of questions chosen from or similar
to assigned problems. Sections to be covered on the quizzes will be posted on Scholar by
mid-day on Thursdays. Make-up quizzes will not be given, however your lowest two homework
or quiz scores will be dropped, with the remaining scores together counting for 25% of your
grade.

If you miss a class, you are responsible for any announcements whether they have been
posted on line or not.

Tests and Final Exam: There will be two tests, each counting for 25% of the final grade.
The final exam will closed-book and comprehensive, counting for 25% of the final grade. If
you miss a test due to a documented illness, family emergency, or other extreme
circumstance, the weight of your remaining grades will be adjusted to compensate, provided I
receive an acceptable written excuse within three class days of the missed test. There will
be no make-up tests.
**Honor System:** All tests and quizzes will be completed independently and without access to any resources in accordance with the university honor code and will be pledged. For graded homework assignments, you may discuss solutions with other students, but each student must do individual, independent write-ups to turn in. Copying of solutions or parts of solutions from any source is a violation of the honor code, as is sharing your solutions with others. Specifically, this policy prohibits the revising, rephrasing, or inclusion of work from any source prepared by anyone other than the student himself/herself.

**Miscellaneous Information:** If my office hours do not fit your schedule, I will be happy to set up an appointment to help you with this course.

Laptops and tablet PCs are permitted for note taking during class provided they are in the flat-on-the-desk position. Open laptops are a distraction to others and are not allowed. Cell phones should be turned off or in silent mode and should be put away while class is in session.

If you need adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please come by my office or make an appointment to meet with me as soon as possible.

**Grading:** A final score of 90% will guarantee an A-, 80 a B-, 70 a C-, and 60 a D-.

**Tentative Test Dates:** Week of February 23, week of April 6.

**Final Exam:** Friday May 8, 1:05 - 3:05 pm in our regular classroom. Alternate sitting, space permitting: Tuesday May 12, 7:45 - 9:45 am in 307 McBryde.