



**FINITE MATHEMATICS
MGF 1106
SECTION 30
MAP 109
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
2:30-3:20 PM**

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30-9:30 AM and Thursday 3:20-4:20 PM

TEXTBOOK:

The Finite Companion 6th Ed. by Caron and Griffiths

ASSIGNMENTS:

There will be an assignment at the commencement of essentially every lecture. Assignments are to be **COMPLETED** before the next meeting to insure that students do not get behind and so that the transition from the old to new material is smooth. Assignments will **not** be collected or graded. However, the tests will parallel the assignments.

ATTENDANCE:

It is **EXTREMELY** important that all enrolled students attend every lecture. Success is often determined by attendance and participation in lectures. Although attendance will not ever be taken, all of the material in the text will be covered as well as much supplementation that the text will **not** contain. Also, assignments, test dates and other relevant information will be discussed during lectures.

GRADING:

There will be five examinations, each corresponding to one and only one chapter in **The Finite Companion 6th Ed.** by Caron and Griffiths and a comprehensive final examination. The five chapter tests will be worth 80% of a student's final grade and the final exam will constitute the remaining 20%. There will be bonus questions on each exam and throughout the semester.

GRADING SCALE:

| GRADE | PERCENTAGE |
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| A | 90- |
| B | [80-90) |
| C | [70-80) |
| D | [60-70) |
| F | [0-60) |

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- No cellular phones, laptop computers, beepers or other distracting devices are to ever be used in the classroom
- No objects other than relevant finite mathematics materials are to be on a student's desk
- Undivided attention from each student is required for the success of all students
- All other elementary rules of common courtesy are to always be abided
- Students are to be prepared for each lecture and plan to stay for the entire duration
- **THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UP EXAMINATIONS** unless there is an extreme emergency or a conflict with an official UCF event

KEYS TO SUCCESS:

- Mathematics is a linear cumulative discipline i.e. the next successive relevant topic will follow from the previous one, so do not ever fall behind
- Work on ALL assigned problems and come to lectures and/or office hours prepared with questions as they arise
- Plan on spending a generous amount of time on the assignments and concepts presented in lectures. Remember, mathematics *is* difficult and may require much patience and several attempts for success
- Homework is the BEST and essentially the ONLY tool for test preparation
- A student's grade is almost always a reflection of their understanding of the material and their effort put into the course. What exertion one puts into this course will show at the end of the semester

"I wish everyone success in this course and look foreword to another successful semester."

DISCLAIMER:

At anytime in this course the aforementioned statements of the syllabus may be amended at the discretion of the instructor (D.J. Galiffa). If this is to occur, students will be notified in a timely manor during a regularly scheduled class period only. It is the student's responsible to ascertain this information in the case of an absence.