UPDATED SYLLABUS FOR MOVING MA 375 ONLINE

Abstract. This is an update to the base syllabus on how things will change as we move MA 375: Discrete Mathematics online for the Spring 2020 semester. All the time here are in Purdue local time (ET).

Communications. Our main way of communication will be via emails. So please check your emails regularly and look out for emails with MA 375 in the subject title. Similarly, the best way to reach me is via email. Do not hesitate to email me if you have any questions, either regarding this document or beyond. I usually answer emails within one business day. To aid with me processing the email, please kindly include your section number (Sec 042, 130 pm OR Sec 043, 1200 pm) in your emails to me.

Lecture. Our lectures will be held at 12:00 – 1:15 pm on Tuesdays and the other at 1:30 – 2:45 pm on Thursdays. Please be assured the reduction in lectures does not mean fewer contact hours you get with me. Actually, it is quite the contrary as this frees up more time for me to hold office hour appointments. So please feel free to schedule office hour appointments with me, and I will try to be as flexible as possible as people may be in different time zones now.

I will deliver the lectures on WebEx. Please use this link or the link: https://purdue.webex.com/join/h0140 to access the virtual classroom. I will be recording the classroom so people who are not available to join us can still access the content afterward. However, this means that your presence (asking questions, etc.) will also be recorded, so please take this into consideration if you have privacy concerns. In particular, you are agreeing to the recording by joining the virtual classroom during the lecture time. The links to the recordings and the lecture notes will be posted on the course website.

Office Hours. I will hold office hours at our set time: 9:30 – 11:00 am on Tuesdays and 3:00 – 4:30 pm on Thursdays. These will also be held virtually on WebEx using the same link. The office hours will not be recorded. I will resume my office hours starting next week, so you are all invited in particular to my office hours on Tuesday to test out WebEx if nothing else. Again, you are welcome to make office hour appointments with me.

I have also set up a discussion forum on Blackboard, where you may ask questions on if you are not able to attend the office hours. I will be checking the forums regularly.

Homework. There will be no change to our existing homework policy and system.

Grades. There will be no change to our existing grades policy.

Exams. We will administer our second midterm exam at the originally scheduled time, Thursday, March 26, 6:30 – 7:35 pm, with an extra 5 minutes in the end for you to submit your exam. The second midterm exam as well as the final exam will be open book (textbook and notes only) exams, but no internet, calculators, etc. The difficulty of the exam will be adjusted slightly to reflect that it is an open book exam.

According to the newest school policy, our final exam will be open from 9 AM on Tuesday, May 5 to 9 AM on Wednesday, May 6. However, you still only have 2 hours to complete the exam. You can decide when to start, and similar to your midterm exam, you should stop after the allotted 2-hour time. You will need to scan and submit your exam afterward without a strict time constraint. You will be your own proctor, and you will be asked to copy the Purdue honor pledge as well as write a statement saying you finished the exam in the allotted 2-hour time. Detailed instructions will be sent out a week before the exam.

The exam problems will be available on Blackboard (in Announcement) when the exam starts, and you will submit your solution on Gradescope. Please only have one problem on each page, and use the Gradescope function to mark where your problems are correctly. I will be in the WebEx meeting room as much as possible during the exam to answer questions.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any conflicts, will not be able to attend the exam at the scheduled time, or need special accommodations. These will be resolved on a case-by-case basis.