Discrete Mathematics I, MATH2305
Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Summer I 2017

A. COURSE INFORMATION

Course number/section: MATH2305.001
Class meeting time: Monday through Thursday from 12:00 to 1:53 PM
Class location: Island Hall Room IH158
Course Website: TBD

B. INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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C. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Catalog Course Description
An introduction to topics in discrete mathematics with an emphasis on applications in mathematics and computer science. Topics include formal logic, graphs, trees and related algorithms, and combinatorics and discrete probability.

Extended Course Description
In overview, we will be concerned with introductory concepts in areas of mathematics to include mathematical logic, set theory, combinatorics, probability, relations on sets, and graph theory. Topics considered are of considerable significance in computer science.

These topics, although unrelated in some regards, all involve "discrete" ideas as opposed to "continuous" ones. Roughly, “discrete” refers to the idea that the objects being studied are separated by some nonzero minimum distance. In this sense the sets \{1, 2, 3\} and \{1, 2, 3, ...\} are discrete, while the set of all real numbers and the closed interval [0, 1] are not.

D. PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Prerequisites: MATH 1314 and 1316, or MATH 2312, or placement beyond MATH 2312.

Co-requisites: none
E. **REQUIRED TEXTBOOK(S), READINGS AND SUPPLIES**

**Required Textbook(s)**


**Optional Textbook(s) or Other References:** none

**Supplies**  none

F. **STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES AND ASSESSMENT**

Assessment is a process used by instructors to help improve learning. Assessment is essential for effective learning because it provides feedback to both students and instructors. A critical step in this process is making clear the course’s student learning outcomes that describe what students are expected to learn to be successful in the course. The student learning outcomes for this course are listed below. By collecting data and sharing it with students on how well they are accomplishing these learning outcomes students can more efficiently and effectively focus their learning efforts. This information can also help instructors identify challenging areas for students and adjust their teaching approach to facilitate learning.

Course grades will be determined by two examinations whose contents will be guided by the learning outcomes which follow, and by and a set of supplemental homework problems. The examinations will consist of problems and examples selected from the course textbook, definitions, theorem statements, and related material. A detailed list of examination topics will be distributed in class no later than the week before each examination.

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. Comprehend elementary formal logic.

2. Apply general-purpose proof methods, including direct proof, proof by contradiction, and mathematical induction to comprehend or synthesize elementary proofs in discrete mathematics.

3. Comprehend fundamental properties of graphs and trees.

4. Apply elementary combinatorial methods to the solution of counting and discrete probability problems.

5. Exhibit knowledge of other topics to include (as time permits) the asymptotic functional notations $\Theta, O,$ and $\Omega$, sequences, and relations on sets.
G. INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS AND ACTIVITIES
Lecture and discussion, examination topic reviews, written examinations

H. MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS and GRADING
Course grades will be determined by two examinations concerning textbook material, lectures, and selected text problems. Each examination will contribute equally towards the final grade, which will be determined using a “traditional” 90%, 80%, 70%, … scheme. These examinations will occur (approximately) on the 11-th, and final class meeting days.

I. COURSE CONTENT/SCHEDULE
We will proceed guided by the outline that follows.

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| 19   | 6-29 | Review for Examination #2  
| 20   | 6-30 | Examination #2  

Note: Changes in this course schedule may be necessary and will be announced to the class by the Instructor. The assignments and exams shown are directly related to the Student Learning Outcomes described in Section F.

J. COURSE POLICIES

Everyone is expected to conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for adult University Students. Hence, should you arrive late please enter quietly.

K. COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY POLICIES

- **Academic Integrity (University)**
  University students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards of academic honesty. Academic misconduct for which a student is subject to penalty includes all forms of cheating, such as illicit possession of examinations or examination materials, falsification, forgery, complicity or plagiarism. (Plagiarism is the presentation of the work of another as one’s own work.) In this class, academic misconduct or complicity in an act of academic misconduct on an assignment or test will result in a failing grade.

- **Classroom/Professional Behavior**
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, as an academic community, requires that each individual respect the needs of others to study and learn in a peaceful atmosphere. Under Article III of the Student Code of Conduct, classroom behavior that interferes with either (a) the instructor’s ability to conduct the class or (b) the ability of other students to profit from the instructional program may be considered a breach of the peace and is subject to disciplinary sanction outlined in article VII of the Student Code of Conduct. Students engaging in unacceptable behavior may be instructed to leave the classroom. This prohibition applies to all instructional forums, including classrooms, electronic classrooms, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc.

- **Statement of Civility**
  Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi has a diverse student population that represents the population of the state. Our goal is to provide you with a high quality educational experience that is free from repression. You are responsible for following the rules of the University, city, state and federal government. We expect that you will behave in a manner that is dignified, respectful and courteous to all people, regardless of sex, ethnic/racial origin, religious background, sexual orientation or disability. Behaviors that infringe on the rights of another individual will not be tolerated.

- **Deadline for Dropping a Course with a Grade of W (University)**
  The grade of W will be assigned to any student officially dropping a course. Please consult with the instructor before you decide to drop to be sure it is the best thing to do. Just stopping attendance and participation WILL NOT automatically result in your being dropped from the class. Should dropping the course be the best course of action, visit the Office of the University Registrar for the Course Drop Form that must submitted. No student is eligible to receive a W without completing the official drop process by this deadline. Please consult the Academic Calendar ([http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/calendar/](http://www.tamucc.edu/academics/calendar/)) for the last day to drop a course.

- **Grade Appeals (College of Science and Engineering)**
  As stated in University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures, a student who believes that he or she has not been held to appropriate academic standards as outlined in the class syllabus, equitable evaluation procedures, or appropriate grading, may appeal the final grade given in the course. The burden of proof is upon the student to demonstrate the appropriateness of the appeal. A student with a complaint about a grade is encouraged to first discuss the matter with the instructor. For complete details, including the responsibilities of the parties involved in the process and the number of days allowed for completing the steps in the process, see University Procedure 13.02.99.C2.01, Student Grade Appeal Procedures. These documents are accessible through the University Rules website at [http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html](http://www.tamucc.edu/provost/university_rules/index.html), and the College of Science and Engineering Grade Appeals webpage at [http://sci.tamucc.edu/students/GradeAppeal.html](http://sci.tamucc.edu/students/GradeAppeal.html). For assistance and/or guidance in the grade appeal process, students may contact the chair or director of the appropriate department or school, the Office of the College of Science and Engineering Dean, or the
Office of the Provost.

- **Disability Services**
  The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please call (361) 825-5816 or visit Disability Services in Corpus Christi Hall 116.

  If you are a returning veteran and are experiencing cognitive and/or physical access issues in the classroom or on campus, please contact the Disability Services office for assistance at (361) 825-5816.

  [http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/](http://disabilityservices.tamucc.edu/)

- **Statement of Academic Continuity**
  In the event of an unforeseen adverse event, such as a major hurricane and classes could not be held on the campus of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi; this course would continue through the use of Blackboard and/or email. In addition, the syllabus and class activities may be modified to allow continuation of the course. Ideally, University facilities (i.e., emails, web sites, and Blackboard) will be operational within two days of the closing of the physical campus. However, students need to make certain that the course instructor has a primary and a secondary means of contacting each student.

L. **OTHER INFORMATION**

  None

M. **GENERAL DISCLAIMER**

  I reserve the right to modify the information, schedule, assignments, deadlines, and course policies in this syllabus if and when necessary. I will announce such changes in a timely manner during regularly scheduled lecture periods.