

Information Sheet
Abstract Algebra with Applications
MA 312, Fall 2012
TR, 3:00–4:15, LRC 108

Professor: Phillips **Office:** NSF 1000 **Phone:** 2022 **Office Hrs:** TBA, by appt

Textbook. *A Book of Abstract Algebra*, 2nd edition, by Charles C. Pinter

Topics. We will undertake an investigation of groups and rings. This means we will cover (parts of) chapters 1–25.

Attendance. It is unwise to miss class.

Homework. Homework will be assigned at the end of each class. Presentation of homework solutions and sections of the textbook, as well as a few other sundries, will account for one fifth of the final grade (100 points). “A *minimum* of two hours out of class preparation is expected of all students for each hour in class.”

Exams. There will be three midterm exams and a final exam. Each midterm will be announced at least one week in advance. The final exam (14 December, 2:00–3:50pm) will be comprehensive. All four exams will be worth 100 points each. *There will be no make-up exams.*

Grading. The student’s final grade will be based on the three exams, homework, and presentations (as above). The grading scale is

450–500 points: A
400–450 points: B
350–400 points: C
300–350 points: D
0–300 points: F

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