Mathematics 205 Fall, 2008

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Office Hours: after my classes until around noon, or by appointment

Class meetings: Tuesday 10.30am, Friday 10.30 (room CE308)

Textbook (optional): any introductory discrete mathematics book

For Math and Computer Science students:

Discrete and Combinatorial Mathematics: Ralph P. Grimaldi

Grading: Mid-term test 20%

Assignments, Tests 20% Final exam 60%

There will be one **mid-term** test, held in class **about halfway through the course** and tests will be given following completion of each section of the course. The final exam will be held during the regular examination period in December. All tests and exams will be **open-book**; any notes or books are allowed to be consulted during them.

Past exams, questions and handouts for the course's previous incarnation as Math105 are available on the web at http://faculty.capebretonu.ca/jpreen/205/index.html and extra questions may be assigned or requested at any point in the course. Students are encouraged to ask for clarification on the material both during and after classes. Academic regulations concerning penalties for plagiarizing and cheating (pp. 225-226 of the academic calendar) will be rigidly enforced in this course. A supplementary examination for the course will not be offered.

Major Topics:

Sets, equivalence relations and functions

Logic and proofs, including math induction

Basic combinatorics

Introduction to graph theory