

MATH 302 - Foundations of Geometry Fall 2021

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Lectures: Monday, Wednesday 1:30 - 2:45 pm

Office Hours: MW 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., or by appointment. You can attend the office hours in-person in my office, or virtually, using the Zoom link on Blackboard or the Zoom link <https://gmu.zoom.us/j/8097488760> .

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Text: *Foundations of Geometry (2nd Edition)*, by Gerard Venema, Pearson Education, Inc., 2012. We will cover most of the material in Chapters 1 through 10.

Prerequisite: Completion of 6 hours of MATH.

Broad purpose of the course: Give a mathematically rigorous treatment of Euclidean geometry and of the development of non-Euclidean geometry. Students will have the opportunity to explore geometry and its applications and to develop their abilities for abstract reasoning and writing proofs.

Technology: We will be using a geometry software package - you can use either GeoGebra, which can be found at <https://www.geogebra.org/classic>, or Geometry Explorer which can be downloaded from <http://homepages.gac.edu/~hvidsten/geom-text/tutorials/gex/index.php>. We will also use a OneNote Notebook to deliver and record parts of our class discussion.

Homework: Problem sets will be assigned regularly throughout the semester. You are expected to solve all the assigned problems, although only some of these problems will be handed in and graded. You are encouraged to discuss the assigned problems with your classmates, but you will have to write your solutions individually and be able to present your solutions in class.

Group projects: You will have to work on two projects. These will be worked in groups, each group will have to hand in one report for each project.

Class Tests: There will be two class tests given during regular class time. There is a tentative schedule for the tests below. You are responsible for keeping up with all information announced in the classroom and on Blackboard. There will be no makeup tests.

Test dates:

Test 1 Wednesday, October 6

Test 2 Wednesday, November 10

Final Exam: The final will be on Wednesday, December 8 between 1:30 and 4:15 p.m. It will be a cumulative exam. The final exam is mandatory regardless of your class standing prior to that. You may replace your lowest test grade with your final exam percentage. In order for this to happen you must write a note above your name on your final exam.

Class participation: Your participation to class discussion and attendance of office hours will count towards your class participation grade.

Grading: Each of the class tests counts for 20%, the graded homework and projects for 20%, class participation for 10%, and the final exam for 30%.

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Honor Code: It is expected that each student in this class will conduct themselves within the guidelines of the Honor Code. Sharing with anyone information of any kind about exams before they are graded, or using online resources during the exams will result at a minimum in a grade of zero for all parties involved. Violations will also be reported to the university Honor committee where further consequences such as probation or expulsion from the university may be incurred. See <http://academicintegrity.gmu.edu/honorcode> for a copy of the Honor code.

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