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Prerequisites: Math 166

Recommended Text: The History of Mathematics: An Introduction (4th ed.) by Burton (McGraw-Hill)

Course Description (instructor): We will study as much mathematics as we can for 12 class days. While it will be impossible to cover everything important in the history of mathematics, we will attempt to mention everything important while focusing our attention on several particular aspects of mathematical history; the people, the calculus, number theory, and the last two centuries. Again, we will fail miserably at our goal, but we will have fun.

Course Objectives: To learn about the development of mathematical thought through the ages.

Grading Policy: Your final semester grade will be computed from the following components. In addition to the requirements below, students taking the course for graduate credit will have to write a research paper. Come see me as soon as possible to get the specific requirements for this.

Turn-In: Every week we will have a problem set to be turned in. This will account for 50% of your final semester grade.

Exams: We will have 2 in class exams (a mid-term and a final) this semester. This will account for 50% of your final semester grade.

Attendance: I will not include attendance as part of your course grade. I am not your mother or your parole officer, and this is not high school. I do, however, expect you to attend class everyday. You are responsible for any and all material covered in class.

Important Dates:

Final Date to Add Courses or Drop Without a "W" - Friday, January 18, 2002

Final Date to Drop Courses With a "W" - Thursday, March 28, 2002