

# Math 28a (Introduction to Groups)

## Information for students, Fall 2010

**Class meets at:** Goldsmith 317, MW 2:10–3:30 PM

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**Course web page:** <http://people.brandeis.edu/~kleinboc/Math28a/intro.html>

**Grader:** TBA

**Text:** Contemporary Abstract Algebra, 7th edition, by Joseph A. Gallian, Brooks/Cole, 2010. We will cover Chapters 0–11 with some omissions.

**Prerequisites:** Linear Algebra (Math 15 or 22a), Intro to Proofs (Math 23).

**Grading:** your grade will be based on the homework, midterm and final exams.

A midterm exams, in class, date TBA = 30 %

The final exam, as scheduled by registrar = 50 %

Homework = 20 %

The date of the **midterm exam** will be announced in advance. **Homework** will be assigned once every week and will be due the following week; the deadline for the first assignment is Wednesday, 9/8. Late homework will not be accepted. Other parameters, such as *class participation* (answering or asking questions in class) and *bonus points* (for optional problems or exceptionally thoughtful analysis of tests/homework) will also affect the students' performance.

If you are a student who needs academic accommodations because of a documented disability, please contact me and present your letter of accommodation as soon as possible. If you have questions about documenting a disability or requesting academic accommodations, you should contact Beth Rodgers-Kay in Academic Services (x6-3470 or [brodgers@brandeis.edu](mailto:brodgers@brandeis.edu)). Letters of accommodation should be presented at the start of the semester to ensure provision of accommodations. Accommodations cannot be granted retroactively.

You are expected to follow the University's policy on academic integrity, which is distributed annually as section 4 of the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook (see <http://www.brandeis.edu/studentaffairs/sdc/rr/index.html>). Instances of alleged dishonesty will be forwarded to the Department of Student Development and Conduct for possible referral to the Student Judicial System. Potential sanctions include failure in the course and suspension from the University. If you have any questions about how these policies apply to your conduct in this course, please ask.

**Have a great semester!**