MATH 30b, Introduction to Algebra, Part II
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SYLLABUS: The course is mostly about rings and fields. We will cover sections 12 through 23 of Gallian and, if time permits, sections 31–33.

EXAMS: There will be two midterm exams and a final. The midterms count 20% each, the final 40% and homework 20%.

HOMEWORK: There will be weekly assignments. Some of the problems on each assignment will be graded, and your homework grade will be determined by your scores on these problems. To get full credit for a homework problem, you need to show all your work and reasoning. Simply writing down the answer will get you no credit.

The first midterm exam is Thursday March 1. It will be in the evening from 7 to 8:30 PM.
The second midterm exam is Thursday April 12. Also from 7 to 8:30 PM.
Keep these times free! If you have scheduling problems with these exams, you need to discuss this with me well in advance of the exam.

If you are a student with a documented disability and wish to have accommodation made for this, please see me as soon as possible.

And now a word about academic integrity. You are expected to turn in work completed independently. This applies especially to exams! As far as homework is concerned, it is OK to work in groups if you want, but after you have discussed a problem amongst yourselves, you should each write up the solution independently. The solution should be in your own words, not copied from someone else. Check with me before using any other resources for your homework, other than your fellow students.