

Youngstown STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Mathematics and Statistics Syllabus for MATH 3715

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Course Title: Discrete Mathematics

Course Number: MATH 3715

Semester: Fall 2019

Course Credit: 3 s.h.

Text: *Discrete Mathematics and its Applications*, Rosen, Kenneth, 8th edition; McGraw Hill

Course Prerequisite: MATH 1572. Credit will not be given for both CSCI 3710 and MATH 3715

Course Description: A course in Discrete Mathematical Structures to prepare students for advanced courses. Topics include set theory, functions and relations, logic and quantifiers, truth tables and Boolean expressions, induction and other techniques of proof, and graphs.

Course Objectives:

- Developing an understanding of the fundamental concepts of logic, set theory and methods of proof.
- Developing the ability to communicate mathematics and to produce well-written proofs.
- Developing the ability to read and understand mathematical definitions, theorems and proofs.
- Developing the ability to work on mathematics with peers in the class including critiquing the proofs of others and presenting ideas at the blackboard.
- Developing an acceptance of necessary levels of abstraction in mathematics and developing the awareness of the need to work with abstract notions.
- Developing an understanding of fundamental discrete mathematical structures in preparation for advanced courses in mathematics and computer science.

Learning Outcomes: The successful discrete mathematics student should be able to:

- Explain propositional logic and its role in producing valid arguments and proofs.
- Recognize and construct valid and precise mathematical proofs using numerous techniques of proof.
- Employ discrete mathematical structures such as sets, functions, relations, sequences, and sums in the solution of mathematical problems.
- Solve basic problems in number theory such as utilizing the Euclidean algorithm to compute the greatest common divisor of two integers and solving linear congruences.
- Solve counting problems using permutations, combinations, and the pigeonhole principle.

Course Topics:

Chapters	Sections	Tentative Week(s)	Topics
Chapter 1	1.1, 1.3–1.8		The Foundations: Logic and Proofs
Chapter 2	2.1–2.5		Basic Structures: Sets, Functions, Sequences, Sums, and Matrices
Chapter 4	4.1–4.4		Number Theory and Cryptography
Chapter 5	5.1–5.2		Induction and Recursion
Chapter 6	6.2		Counting
Chapter 9	9.1, 9.5		Relations

Faculty Evaluations: At the end of the semester you will be asked to evaluate the instructor and the course in general. We ask that you take these evaluations seriously and provide honest feedback as these are reviewed by the Chair of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Honors Contracts: Honors students may contract this course for honors credit. Notify your instructor of your interest to discuss options, complete required paperwork, and submit the required materials to the instructor by the semester deadline.

YSU Policies:

Students with Disabilities: In accordance with University procedures, if you have a documented disability and require accommodations to obtain equal access in this course; please contact me privately to discuss your specific needs. You must be registered with the Center for Student Progress Disability Services, located in Kilcawley Center – RM 2082, and provide a letter of accommodation to coordinate reasonable accommodations. You can reach CSP Disability Services at 330-941-1372.

Non-Discrimination from the University: Youngstown State University does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, disability, age, religion or veteran/military status in its programs or activities. Please visit www.ysu.edu/ada-accessibility for contact information for persons designated to handle questions about this policy.

Academic Integrity: As outlined in The Student Code of Conduct, all forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited at Youngstown State. This includes plagiarism, the unauthorized use of tools or notes in taking tests or completing assignments, fabrication of data or information used for an assignment, working with others without permission from the instructor, and more. A student who is believed to have violated the academic integrity policy will meet with the instructor to discuss the allegations. The student may accept responsibility for the violation and any sanctions selected by the instructor, or they have the right to ask for a hearing before a hearing panel. The full Academic Integrity policy can be found in Article III. 1. of The Student Code of Conduct, while further information on University procedures for alleged academic integrity violations can be found in Article V.

Cancelled Class Policy: If this class is being cancelled for any one day because of instructor illness, or other reasons, a notice will be sent to your YSU email address as soon as possible. University-wide class cancellation is a decision made by the President's Office, and officially announced via the YSU homepage and on WYSU (88.5 FM) radio. Students may also register at the YSU Portal to receive a text message about University-wide closures via the Emergency Alert Notification System. Please familiarize yourself with the University's Cancellation and Closing Procedures: <https://ysu.edu/cancellation-and-closing-procedures>.

Important Semester Dates:

- *Monday, August 19, 2019* – Term Begins
- *Monday, August 26, 2019* – The last day to add a class or change the grade option
- *Sunday, September 1, 2019* – The last day to withdraw with a full refund
- *Monday, September 2, 2019* – Labor Day (University closed)
- *Monday, October 14 through Tuesday, October 15, 2019* – Fall Break
- *Thursday, October 24, 2019* – The last day to drop the course with a grade of “W”
- *Monday, November 11, 2019* – Veterans Day (University closed)
- *Wednesday, November 27, 2019* – No classes scheduled; University offices are open
- *Thursday, November 28 through Friday, November 29, 2019* – Thanksgiving (University closed)
- *Monday, December 9 through Saturday, December 14, 2019* – Final Exams
- *Saturday, December 14, 2019* – Term Ends
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Mathematics Assistance Center (MAC):

For all your mathematics needs:

- Tutoring
- Solutions Manuals
- Computers
- Study Area

Location: Lincoln Building / Room 408

Website: MAC Webpage

<https://cms.ysu.edu/mathematics-assistance-center/math-assistance-center>

Email: mathassist@ysu.edu

Phone: 330-941-3274

Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Check for services available for your course.

Additional Information:

[The Penguin Service Center](#) - A One Stop for Campus is an enrollment resource established to help students access and manage their academic record and student accounts. Please visit the Penguin Service Center or call

(330) 941-6000 for assistance with financial aid, records access, registration processes, and tuition charges/billing. The office is located on the second floor of Meshel Hall.

[College/University Career Advisement](#)

[University Counseling Services](#)

The following information is provided by your instructor:

Faculty Information:

Instructor:	Eric J. Wingler
Office Location:	536 Lincoln Building
Email:	ejwingler@ysu.edu
Phone:	330-941-1817
Office Hours:	Monday – 1030–1200 Wednesday – 1030–1200 Friday – 1100–1200 (Or by appointment)
Section Information	CRN: 40961 Days/Times: TR 11:00am-12:15pm Location: Lincoln Building, Room 204

Grading Policy:

Your grade will be determined from homework (15%), three exams (60%), and a final exam (25%). If you are auditing the course, you must attend at least 40% of the time to receive the grade AU; otherwise you will receive the grade W.

If you have a valid reason for missing an exam, you will be given a makeup. If possible, you should notify the instructor in advance of missing an exam to make arrangements to take a makeup.

On all exams it is expected that you will do your own work and not copy from others. Failure to comply with this policy may result in losing a significant amount of credit and could result in being assigned a failing grade for the course. On homework it is permissible to work in groups, but do not cheat yourself out of a learning experience by letting another person do all the work. Homework turned in late is subject to a slight reduction in credit (up to 20%) with the amount of reduction dependent on the degree of lateness. Generally, if your work on a homework assignment is substantially below perfect, you will be given a chance to redo the assignment for slightly less than full credit.

The following grading scale will be used.

88 – 100%	A
76 – 87%	B (at least)
64 – 75%	C (at least)
50 – 63%	D (at least)
Below 50%	F (at least)

