

Math 313: Introduction to Number Theory

First Lecture

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Introduction and Objectives

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- Obviously learn Number Theory.
- Emphasize techniques / asking the right questions.
- Learn to use computers to build intuition.
- Use these problems as a springboard to see good math.

Course Mechanics



Grading / Administrative

- Two midterms (lowest dropped): 35%, Final exam towards end of class: 35%, Homework: 15%, Class Participation and Projects: 15%. You may do an intense project that would reduce the previous to counting for 90% and have this worth 10%.
- Pre-reqs: linear algebra (programming a plus).

Office hours / feedback

- TBD and when I'm in my office (schedule online: http://www.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmiller/public_html/schedule.htm).
- Feedback ephsmath@gmail.com, password 1793williams.

Other

- Webpage http://web.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmillier/public_html/313Sp17/: numerous handouts, additional comments each day (mix of review and optional advanced material).
- Opportunity to help write a book (using first draft of a colleague's textbook).
- **PREPARE FOR CLASS!** Must do readings before each class.

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Happy to do practice interviews, adjust deadlines....

Useful links

LaTeX and Mathematica Tutorials and Templates

Templates for using LaTeX for papers, talks, posters, and a Mathematica tutorial (with video): http://web.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmiller/public_html/math/handouts/latex.htm.

Handout homepage: http://web.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmiller/public_html/handouts/handouts.htm.

General advice: https://web.williams.edu/Mathematics/sjmiller/public_html/advice.htm.