Math 370: Applied Algebra - Spring 2013

Lectures: MWF 10-10:50am, GFS 213

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Course Text: Lindsay Childs, A Concrete Introduction to Higher Algebra, 3rd edition.

Topics: The material for the course follow chapters 1-20,23-25 of the text, with supplementary material based on course notes.

Problem Sets: Problem sets are due in lecture each Wednesday for assignments of the previous week. Problem sets and Solutions will be posted online weekly at http://www-bcf.usc.edu/~shassaf/2013s_370.html. Solutions to problem sets will be posted Thursday afternoon, and, as such, late problem sets will not be accepted without a valid excuse such as illness. "Reasonable" collaboration is permitted on problem sets, but each student should attempt each problem on her/his own before discussing it with others. Students may not copy someone else's work or look up the solution from an outside source.

Exams: Two in class, one hour, closed book exams will be held on February 20 and April 10.

Make-up exams will not be given. The final exam for the course, also closed book, will be held on May 13 from 8am to 10am.

Grading Policy: problem sets (25%), each in class exam (20%), final exam (35%)