

# 417 Introduction to Abstract Algebra I

## Class Information

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Lectures: TR 9-10.20 343 Altgeld

There will be three tests and a final exams.

**Dates of tests** (subject to change):

Tuesday, September 20

Tuesday, October 18

Tuesday, November 15.

All tests will be held during regular class time in 343 Altgeld.

**Final Exam:** t.b.a. (check homepage)

**Grading:** The grade on the course will be based on the **total points** from the best two **tests** (the maximum score will be 100 in each test), the **final exam** (maximum score 200) and **homework** (normalized to a maximum score of 50; the lowest homework score will be dropped). Hence the maximum score will be 450 for the total points. Dropping one test is intended to provide leeway for those times when a student is ill, or needs to go to a job interview, or has a family emergency, or just misses class or is late for the class for some other reason. If you miss a test, you will get zero points for it. As this system allows you to miss one test without you giving any reason for it, **no make-up tests will be given.** Exeptions will be considered only in the case of an prolonged illness indicated by a doctor's note. Of course, you are encouraged to take all tests and do your best.

**Suggested homework problems** will be suggested at the end of each lecture. In addition, there will be **homework assignments** which will be graded (and which will affect your grade for the course). Homework assignments must be returned in class on the due date.