ECS20: Discrete Mathematics
Information Sheet

Check here for reading assignments, information about past and future lectures, problems sets, etc.

Lecture: You are expected to attend lecture, and you are responsible for the material discussed in class and any announcements made in class.

There is no eating or drinking in lecture, except for water.

Homework: There will be homework almost every week, usually due on Tuesday evening at 5pm.

Collaboration is allowed on the homework. But keep in mind that your goal in doing the homework problems is to learn how to do them by yourself, since you will have to solve similar problems on the quizzes and exams.

Write up the homework solutions BY YOURSELF. This means that after reading, talking, and thinking, you close the book, put away all your papers, and write down the solution that is in your head. Your goal is to demonstrate to the reader that you understand how to do the problem.

Please hand in your homework in the box in Kemper 2132. Homework will not be accepted in class, by email, pushed under my office door, or delivered in any way other than in the box.

Late homework will not be accepted. Your lowest homework grade will be dropped, however, so if you have an emergency some week you should still be able to do well.

The reader may grade only a selection of the homework problems.

Please write legibly. You will not get credit for the problem if the reader cannot read your solution. If possible, type your homework and just write in the equations, or use a computer typesetting package that allows you to typeset equations. DO NOT try to type equations as text, anything at all complicated comes out almost unreadable.

Quizzes: There will be two or possibly more quizzes. They will be announced ahead of time. The purpose of the quizzes is to help us all learn whether you have mastered the material, so that you have time to learn it before the tests if necessary.

Exams: There will be a midterm and a final. The exams are closed-book but you may bring a one-page “crib-sheet”.

You must attend the exams at the specified dates; there will be no make-up exams.

Regrades: We will not consider regrading any homework, quiz or exam unless you bring the potential grading error to our attention within one week after the work has been returned to you, so please look at the work we return to you promptly.

Grading:

We will use the following formula:

- 30% Homework
- 10% Quizzes
- 25% Midterm
- 35% Final

Questions: Try to ask questions in person, in lecture, discussion section or office hours. Questions posted to the class discussion newsgroup are likely to be answered promptly, since lots of people are reading it. Questions sent to the professor’s email may not be answered promptly.