Course outline for Math 221, Fall 2007.

INSTRUCTOR

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LECTURES

Class hours: Monday Wednesday Friday 12-1pm. Class location: Science Center 310

EXAMS AND HOMEWORK

Homework: Problem sets, once a week.

Exam: There will be no exam.

Grading: Problem sets (100%).

Textbook

Introduction to Commutative Algebra, by Atiyah and Macdonald.

Other references

Undergraduate Commutative Algebra, by Miles Reid Commutative Ring Theory, by Matsumura Commutative algebra with a View Toward Algebraic Geometry, by Eisenbud

Syllabus

- 1. Rings, spectrum of rings, and varieties
- 2. Modules
- 3. Localization
- 4. Primary decomposition
- 5. Integral dependence
- 6. Noether normalization and Nullstellensatz
- 7. Noetherian and Artin rings
- 8. Discrete valuation rings
- 9. Completions
- 10. Dimension theory