

Math 2534 – Spring 2018 Information and Course Policy

CRN: 15710 meets MW at 4:00pm in McBryde 129

CRN: 15711 meets MW at 2:30pm in McBryde 129

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Tutoring Paid tutoring in the math department [Tutoring Information](#)

Final Exam: (No one is excused from the Final Exam)

CRN: 15710 May 7 at 7:45 – 9:45 am in usual class room

CRN: 15711 May 9 at 10:05 - 12:05 am in usual class room.

Text: **Discrete Mathematics with Applications** by Susanna Epp (4th ed)

Any used version of the 4th ed is acceptable. You may want to consider an e-book.

[Information to purchase Epp](#)

All information that you need for this class is on my Web page: www.math.vt.edu/people/mcquain

Since we only meet twice a week as a class, [check daily the Class Information Page for updates](#)

Homework and quizzes: The Assignment sheet will be completely covered but the order may be changed. The student is expected to prepare for class by **reading the material**. The Instructor **will assume** that **you are reading the material in the book** and will often refer to concepts and examples in the sections that have been discussed or is currently being discussed. There will also be informal class work, homework and random quizzes to help you better understand the concepts under discussion. You will be able to **drop a total of two grades from homework, class work and quizzes**. **Missed work can only be made up with my permission and never after graded work has been handed back. Try to make arrangements ahead of time. You will have one week to appeal your grade after graded work is returned.**

Exams: There will be at **least two in class tests (hopefully three)** and a **Final Exam**. No makeup test will be given unless I feel that your circumstances warrant reconsideration on my part. The Final Exam grade may replace a missing test grade or one test grade that is lower than the final exam grade.

Grading:	Homework and Quizzes	20%
	Tests	60%
	Final Exam	20%
	Total	100%

Final grades will be set according to the usual 10-point scale; i.e. 90% guarantees at least an A-, 80% at least a B- etc.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken each class period. It is your **complete** responsibility to know what goes on in class whether you are there or not. **It is a well-known fact that in a university course, poor attendance and poor grades are closely related.** If you miss a class, it is equivalent to missing a week in high school. If you miss a class, all your classes can suffer as you try to make up lost time in the missed class.

Class Courtesy: In consideration of your fellow classmates please follow the guidelines below:

- 1) Do not bring meals to class. You may bring drinks with lid and snacks such as granola bars.
- 2) Do not use computer or phone in this class except for note taking only.
- 3) Do not leave and enter the class during lecture except for an emergency situation. Take care of personal business before class. If you must leave class early then sit close to the door.
- 4) Do not talk during lecture unless it concerns topic under discussion or if you have questions.

Honor Policy: I will assume that you have read the VA Tech Honor policy and I expect you to abide by this policy. There will be a lot of collaborative work in the class. Each of you must insure that each member of your group fully fills his/her responsibilities to the group and to themselves as students. I feel that discussing math problems can be helpful to many students. I recommend study groups. If someone helps you as an individual on a problem to be turned in, then you must try that problem completely on your own before you turn it in as your own work. I consider work turned in to me to be graded to be implicitly pledged to that effect. It is obvious to your instructor whether you are doing your own work or not. It will show on the test at any rate. It is a waste of precious time for all of us if you do not do your own work. Do not put yourself, your instructor and your parents in the position of having to deal with the honor court and the consequences.

The Undergraduate Honor Code pledge that each member of the university community agrees to abide by states:

“As a Hokie, I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do.”

Students enrolled in this course are responsible for abiding by the Honor Code. A student who has doubts about how the Honor Code applies to any assignment is responsible for obtaining specific guidance from the course instructor before submitting the assignment for evaluation. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the University community from the requirements and expectations of the Honor Code. For additional information about the Honor Code, please visit: <https://www.honorsystem.vt.edu/>

Honor Code Pledge for Assignments:

The Virginia Tech honor pledge for assignments is as follows: **“I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this assignment.”**

The pledge is to be written out on all graded assignments at the university and signed by the student. The honor pledge represents both an expression of the student’s support of the honor code and an unambiguous acknowledgment that the student has, on the assignment in question, abided by the obligation that the Honor Code entails. **In the absence of a written honor pledge, the Honor Code still applies to any assignment.**

All assignments submitted shall be considered "graded work" and all aspects of your coursework are covered by the Honor Code. All projects and homework assignments are to be completed individually unless otherwise specified.

Commission of any of the following acts shall constitute academic misconduct. This listing is not, however, exclusive of other acts that may reasonably be said to constitute academic misconduct.

Clarification is provided for each definition with some examples of prohibited behaviors in the Undergraduate Honor Code Manual located at <https://www.honorsystem.vt.edu/>

A. CHEATING

Cheating includes the intentional use of unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices or materials in any academic exercise, or attempts thereof.

B. PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism includes the copying of the language, structure, programming, computer code, ideas, and/or thoughts of another and passing off the same as one's own original work, or attempts thereof.

C. FALSIFICATION

Falsification includes the statement of any untruth, either verbally or in writing, with respect to any element of one's academic work, or attempts thereof.

D. FABRICATION

Fabrication includes making up data results and recording or reporting them as your own. Fabrication is submitting documents as your own.

E. MULTIPLE SUBMISSION

Multiple submission involves the submission for credit – without authorization of the instructor receiving the work – of substantial portions of any work (including oral reports) previously submitted for credit at any academic institution or attempts thereof.

F. COMPLICITY

Complicity includes intentionally helping another to engage in an act of academic misconduct or attempts thereof.

G. VIOLATION OF UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, DEPARTMENTAL PROGRAM, COURSE, OR FACULTY RULES. The violation of any University, College, Departmental, Program, Course or Faculty Rules relating to academic matters that may lead to an unfair academic advantage by the student violating the rule(s).