

Introductory Number Theory

Course: MATH 3370

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Friday 3:00 pm–5:00 pm and by appointment.

Textbook: D. E. Rideout: MATH 3370 Course Manual, 5th edition, Memorial University, St. John's, 2025 (required resource)

Course description: The course treats primes and perfect numbers, the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, congruences, the Chinese remainder theorem, and the structure of the multiplicative group of the integers modulo m . Time permitting, additional topics will be covered, for example applications of number theory to cryptography.

Coverage: We cover at least the first six chapters of the textbook. Additional chapters will be covered if time permits.

Examinations: There will be a midterm examination and a comprehensive final examination. The midterm examination takes place on Wednesday, October 15 during regular class time in the usual classroom. The final examination takes place during the examination period from December 8 to December 16 at a time and in a room determined by the registrar's office.

Homework: Beginning on Monday of the second week, a weekly exercise sheet will be handed out. This has to be submitted in class on the following Monday. There will be no exercise sheet during the week of the midterm examination and no exercise sheets during the last two weeks of the semester. In addition, a reading assignment from the textbook will be given in every lecture.

Policies: Eating, drinking, and smoking is not permitted in the classroom. While attendance is not required, it will be recorded. The use of electronic devices, especially cellphones, calculators, and laptop computers, is not permitted without explicit permission of the instructor. Electronic devices have to be turned off completely. While the use of artificial intelligence is permitted, it is not allowed to copy its answers verbatim.

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In case of natural or man-made disasters, the course may transition to remote delivery. In case of emergency, this transition might be communicated only via e-mail.

Prerequisite: MATH 2320 (Discrete Mathematics)

Marking weights:

Homework:	25 %
Midterm examination:	25 %
Final examination:	50 %