DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
California State University, Bakersfield
MATH 331 – Algebraic Structures

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Text: Contemporary Abstract Algebra, 7th Ed., by Joseph Gallian. ISBN 0547165099.

Course Objectives: Introduction to binary operations and algebraic structures; groups, rings, integral domains, and fields.
Web page: The web page for the course is at http://www.csub.edu/~clam/math331f11.html

Homework: Every week, homework problems will be assigned and is due the week after.

Quizzes: There will be a quiz every week. There are no make-up quizzes.

Grading: In addition to homework, there will be two tests, and a final exam (cumulative).

Homework	15%
Quiz	10%
Test 1	20%
Test 2	25%
Final Exam	30%

Test Dates:

- First Test: February 3, Thursday (tentative)

- Second Test: March 3, Thursday (tentative)

- Final Exam: March 17, Thursday, 8:00pm-10:30pm

Remarks:

- There will be no make-up exams or tests. If you know in advance that you are going to miss an exam, please make your arrangements with me at least one week ahead.

- Hand in homework on time. Late homework will be accepted up to the beginning of next class for 50% of credit.

Academic Dishonesty:

You are encouraged to work with your classmates in labs and homework. However, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO HAND IN WORK WRITTEN BY YOURSELF. A rule of thumb is to destroy any evidence of discussion before writing up the solutions yourself.

If you collaborated with anyone, ACKNOWLEDGE COLLABORATORS. Please also note that, **acknowledging your friends on the contribution does not mean you have the right to copy others' work. You must write the solutions in your own words.**

If you are caught cheating, the policy for this class is -20% to the final grade on the first offense (your A will become a C), -30% for the second, and -50% thereafter.