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This is the first semester of a two-semester sequence in graduate-level Abstract Algebra. The primary topics of this course are groups and their structure, with emphasis on finite groups, and fields, leading to the classical Galois Theory. This is approximately Chapters I, II and V in the text. The second semester will cover such further topics as commutative rings, modules, categories and algebraic geometry.

During our class meetings, I will lecture and answer questions on the assigned reading part of the time, while part of the time you will present and discuss your solutions to assigned exercises. I will collect some of the assigned exercises for grading.

There will be a midterm exam on Wednesday, Oct. 16 and a final exam on Monday, Dec. 16.

Your course grade will be determined using the following weights:
   class participation, 30%
   graded homework, 30%
   exams, 40%

and your letter grade will be based on the scale:
   80–100: A; 70–80: B; 60–70: C; 50–60: D.