INFORMATION AND POLICY
Algebra II – Spring 2003

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Office Hours: M 2:30-3:30 pm, W 1:30-2:30 in my office or by appointment.
Grading Policy: There will be one final exam (200 points), two midterm exams (100 points each) and 6 quizzes (20 points each). Your highest 5 grades from the 6 quizzes will count for the total grade. The formula of the total points is

20 (attendance) + 100 (5 Quizzes) + 200 (2 Midterms) + 200 (Final) = 520 points (Total)

The course grade will be given on a curve based on the total point.
Quizzes: Six 20 min quizzes will be given during the semester. There will be no make-up quizzes, but the lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
Exams: The exams (except the final) will be given in this classroom.
  First Exam:
  Second Exam:
Make-up exams will be allowed only in extreme situations (death in the family, serious illness) with written documents, and I must be notified before the scheduled exam dates. Thus the fact that you have bought a ticket home before the exam is not an excuse to take the exam earlier or later. A time conflict with another exam is not the reason for a make-up exam either. A make-up exam might cover more materials and might be more difficult than the regular exam. There are no make-up quizzes.
Help/Review Sessions: Will be organized before the exams and the final as needed.
Homework: The homework will be assigned each week. Even though the homework problems will not be collected, they should be studied carefully. The exams and quizzes will be closely related to the homework.
Classes: It is the students’ responsibility to be in the class to get the homework assignments, the quiz schedules and to see what is going on. Attendance check will be given from time to time, and absence will reduce your course grade. If you have any problem about this course, please discuss it with me as early as possible. Don’t wait until the end of the semester when getting an unwanted grade and paying the tuition is usually the only solution.
Course Outline(tentative):
  Chapters, Sections  Topics
  Chapter 4 Modules  Chapter 5  Fields and Galois theory
  Chapter 6  The structure of fields
  Chapter 6  Linear algebra
  Chapter 7  Commutative rings
Dates of interest:
  - Last day to drop a course: Monday, January 27;
  - Last day to add a course: Tuesday, January 28;
  - Last day to drop a course a receive a W grade: Monday, March 31;
  - Spring break: March 15 - 21; - Classes end: Monday, May 5;