

Syllabi for Required Courses

Math 201a: Algebra I

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) Group theory:

Quick review of the basic theory (subgroups, homomorphisms, etc.).

Group actions

Sylow theorems.

Solvable and nilpotent groups.

Free groups, presentations.

2) Category theory

Basic notions of categories and functors

Example of categories, basic constructions (products), universal objects

Use of Category language when treating the different part of the course

Natural transformations

3) Rings and Modules:

Review of basic theory (subrings, ideals, fields, homomorphisms, etc.)

PID's, UFD's, Polynomial rings.

Modules (over a commutative ring)

Tensor products, exterior and symmetric powers, determinants.

Finitely generated modules over a PID and applications.

4) Field theory:

Field extensions, splitting fields, finite fields.

Separable and inseparable extensions, algebraic closure.

Fundamental theorem of Galois theory, solvability by radicals.

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Field theory (trace and norm, transcendental extensions, purely inseparable extensions, infinite Galois extensions, Kummer theory).
- Category theory (adjoint functors, Yoneda's lemma, limits).

Possible Texts:

- Lang: Algebra
- Jacobson: Basic Algebra

Math 201b: Algebra II

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) Homological algebra:

Exact sequences

Complexes and homology

Projective and injective modules

Ext and Tor

2) Commutative algebra:

Chain conditions

Hilbert basis theorem

Localization.

Nullstellensatz

3) Representation theory (of finite groups):

Maschke's theorem

Schur's Lemma

Fundamental isomorphism theorem for the group algebra

Characters.

Frobenius reciprocity

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Non-commutative algebra (Semisimple rings, Wedderburn's theorem).
- Additional representation theory (representations of S_n , Brauer's theorem, representations in finite characteristic, representations of Lie algebras and Lie groups).
- Commutative algebra/number theory (integrality, completion, DVR's, Dedekind domains).
- Commutative algebra/algebraic geometry (dimension theory, Noether normalization, the ideal-variety correspondence, primary decomposition).

Possible Texts:

- Lang: Algebra
- Jacobson: Basic Algebra

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225a: Geometry of Manifolds

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) Manifolds:

Change of coordinates

Differential structure

2) Tangent vectors

Tangent bundle

Derivations

Vector fields

Lie bracket

Tensors

3) Vector bundles

Basics of vector bundles

Normal bundles

Pullback construction

4) Differential topology

Inverse and implicit function theorems—as assigned reading

Transversality

Sard's theorem—discussion without proof

5) Differential equations and systems

Frobenius Theorem

Existence and uniqueness theorems for ODE's—discussion without proof

6) Differential forms:

Closed and exact

Poincaré Lemma

7) Integration

Basics of Integration

Stokes Theorem

Orientations and volume elements

Additional topics (if time permits).

- Basic Lie Groups: Lie algebra, one parameter subgroups, structural equations, left and right invariant vector fields.
- Principal bundles; connections on vector bundles
- Frobenius Theorem in differential form version
- de Rham cohomology and theorem

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Possible Texts:

- Lee: Introduction to Smooth Manifolds
- Hitchin's Oxford Notes: Differentiable Manifolds
(http://people.maths.ox.ac.uk/hitchin/files/LectureNotes/Differentiable_manifolds/manifolds2014.pdf)
- Spivak: A Comprehensive Introduction to Differential Geometry, vol. I

Additional References:

- Warner: Foundations of Differentiable Manifolds and Lie groups
- Milnor: Topology from the Differentiable Viewpoint
- Bott and Tu: Differential Forms in Algebraic Topology

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Math 211a: Real Analysis

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) General topology

Basic axioms of topology, continuous maps

Compact spaces

Metric spaces, completeness, Baire Category Theorem

Stone-Weierstrass Theorem

Arzela-Ascoli Theorem, an application to Peano's Existence Theorem

2) Banach spaces:

Topological vector spaces; normed spaces

Linear functionals, dual spaces, Hahn-Banach Theorem

Banach spaces

Contraction principle, applications to Picard's Existence Theorem and Implicit Function Theorem

Hilbert spaces (basic theory), Riesz Representation Theorem

3) Measure theory:

Algebras and sigma-algebras of sets, measurable functions

Measure spaces

Integrable functions, integration and convergence theorems

Extension of measures from algebras to sigma-algebras

Lebesgue measurable sets, Lebesgue measure on \mathbb{R}^n

Products measures, Fubini's Theorem

Signed/complex measures, Radon-Nikodym Theorem, Hahn and Jordan decompositions

L^p -spaces

Egorov's Theorem, Lusin's Theorem

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Open mapping theorem, closed graph theorem (to be covered in Functional Analysis)
- Functions of bounded variation, Lebesgue-Stieltjes integral
- Convolution in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$
- Fourier transform, Fourier inversion
- Fourier series, Poisson summation, Fejer's Theorem
- Probability theory. Basic ergodic theory.

Possible Texts:

- Kolmogorov/Fomin: Introductory Real Analysis

- Lang: Real and Functional Analysis
- Loomis: Abstract Harmonic Analysis
- Royden: Real Analysis
- Rudin: Real and Complex Analysis
- Stein/Shakarchi: Complex Analysis

Math 211b: Complex Analysis

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) Complex analytic functions

Riemann sphere and rational functions

Complex derivatives and Cauchy-Riemann equations

Holomorphic functions in one variable (basic theory)

2) Integration

Cauchy's theorem, Cauchy's integral formula

Applications to: Fundamental Theorem of Algebra, Liouville's theorem, Morera's theorem, Gauss' mean value theorem

Maximum principle, Rouché's theorem, argument principle

Schwarz reflection principle, analytic continuation

3) Conformal maps

Fractional-linear transformations

Open mapping theorem

Riemann mapping theorem

Harmonic and subharmonic functions, Poisson's formula

4) Power series, partial fractions, special functions

Taylor series

Classification of singularities

Laurent series

Weierstrass theorem

Mittag-Leffler theorem

Infinite products and partial sums

Elliptic functions, Weierstrass \wp -function

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Introduction to Riemann surfaces. Connections with the theory of covering spaces and cohomology. Gamma and zeta functions. Picard's theorem. Runge's theorem. Inhomogeneous Cauchy-Riemann equation. Several complex variables (Hartog's theorem). Phragmen-Lindelof theorem. Vitali-Montel Theorem. Jensen's Formula.

Possible Texts:

- Ahlfors: Complex Analysis
- Conway: Functions of One Complex Variable
- Narasimhan/Nievergelt: Complex Analysis in One Variable
- Gamelin: Complex Analysis
- Stein/Shakarchi: Real Analysis

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Math 221a: Topology I

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) CW-Complexes

Definitions, direct limit topology

2) Covering Spaces and Fundamental Group

Basic Definitions (homotopy, fundamental group)

Existence and classification of covering spaces

Correspondence between subgroups and covering spaces

Van Kampen's theorem

3) Homology Theory:

Definitions of simplicial complexes and simplicial homology

Definition of singular homology

Long exact sequence of a pair, excision, Mayer-Vietoris sequence

Homology of cell complexes and/or CW complexes

Computing homology of basic spaces: eg., spheres, projective spaces

4) Applications of homology:

Maps between spheres; degree of map

Vector fields

Fixed point theorems

Separation theorems (Jordan Curve theorem)

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Homology with coefficients

Possible Texts:

- Hatcher: Algebraic Topology
- Greenberg and Harper: Algebraic Topology: A First Course
- Munkres: Elements of Algebraic Topology

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Math 221b: Topology II

Core topics: the topics underlined below should be ALWAYS covered; the rest should be mentioned and discussed, and the students should be directed to appropriate literature.

1) Cohomology theory

Definition of cohomology

Basic properties

Cup and cap products

2) Universal coefficients:

Tor and homology

Ext and cohomology

Kunneth theorems

3) Poincare duality

Poincare duality for manifolds with and without boundaries

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Homotopy theory: Basic properties, Hurewicz theorem, path spaces, fibrations
- Eilenberg-MacLane spaces

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- Greenberg and Harper: Algebraic Topology: A First Course
- Munkres: Elements of Algebraic Topology

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Math 232a: Numerical Methods for Scientific Computing

Core topics (ALWAYS covered): Please use this checklist as you go through the course.

1) Numerical linear algebra:

Floating point arithmetic

Polynomial interpolation

Linear systems and LU factorization

Least squares and QR factorization

Singular Value Decomposition

2) Numerical differential equations:

Quadrature methods

Euler and Runge-Kutta methods

Accuracy and stability of timestepping schemes

Additional topics (if time permits):

- Optimization, eigenvalue problems, finite difference methods for PDE's, Lax Equivalence Theorem

Possible Texts:

- Heath: Scientific Computing: An Introductory Survey
- Trefethen and Bau: Numerical Linear Algebra