

Advanced Analysis I
Math 471, Fall 2016
9:00-9:50 MTWF, Hertz 120

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Text: Elementary Analysis, 2nd edition, by Kenneth Ross.

Course Description: This course is the first in a two-course sequence introducing students to the mathematically rigorous study of functions of a real variable. While some of our time will be spent proving familiar theorems from the standard calculus sequence, the majority of our time will be spent studying unfamiliar concepts and examples that challenge and improve our mathematical intuition: topology of \mathbb{R} , countable and uncountable sets, compactness, connectedness, Baire's Theorem, and uniform continuity, to name a few.

Course Goals: The main goal of the course is for students to learn how to read, understand, and write rigorous mathematical proofs. In addition, some less measurable goals are the following:

- Students will realize (and experience) why an intuitive understanding of calculus is insufficient as a foundation for building more complicated and powerful mathematical tools.
- Students will be rewarded for their efforts toward mathematical rigor and abstraction by being exposed to concepts and examples that show the richness inherent in the study of functions of a real variable.

Course Policies:

Homework: Problems from each section will be assigned and selected problems will be turned in for grading. You are encouraged to work together on homework but each student must turn in his or her own write-up.

Exams: There will be an in-class midterm and a take-home final exam.

Course Grade: Course grades will be assigned according to the following:

Homework	50%
Midterm	25%
Final Exam	25%

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General Comments: I have been very careful in trying to select a text that is readable yet covers topics beyond a rehashing of familiar calculus concepts. I expect you to take advantage of the thorough explanations by reading the text in detail. You may find it helpful to write comments in the text that fill in the gaps or highlight questions you would like to address during class.

Many of the problems you will work on will take several attempts over a period of several days. You may even find yourself waking-up in the middle of the night thinking about a particular problem. Be persistent, keep up, work together, and enjoy yourself. After all, this is how the material you will be studying was developed.

I assume everyone has experience writing logically and grammatically correct proofs. The text does a good job of easing you into proof writing without spending too much time reviewing the logical structure of proof techniques. As we move along in the course our expectations of each other's proof writing abilities will increase.