

Winter 2023 Math 260.00, Sets & Logic
M-F, 9:00 - 9:50 am, Samuelson 149

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Course Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Perform basic set operations and determine set relations.
- Interpret and manipulate quantified statements in mathematical notation.
- Analyze the structure of mathematical arguments and proofs.
- Construct mathematical proofs.
- Disprove a statement.

Course Goals: Math 260 is an introduction to the structures of mathematical proof. We will introduce basic set notation, set theory (often referred to as “naive set theory”), logic, quantifiers and some methods of proof: various types of direct proof, proof by contradiction, and proof by induction. We will also introduce and practice good mathematical thinking. Mathematical thinking is characterized by clarity and precision, and so is important in a wide variety of areas, including computer programming. To practice mathematical thinking, we will work with basic number theory and basic set theory.

Required Text: Harper, James D.; Logic, Sets and Proof: An Introduction CWU coursepack (available from the Wildcat Shop)

In principle, we intend to cover the whole book. We may skip a few sections, and we might not finish the whole book, but we will cover as much as possible in the time allotted.

An important element in familiarizing you with proofs is writing. You will do a lot of writing in this class. Unlike calculus, there will rarely be long calculations with lots of algebra. Rather, you will have to *describe* (in complete sentences) your thought process, and justify the steps you take. In many situations, you will “know” the “right” answer ahead of time, and so the main point is to explain why that answer is in fact correct. This rarely a matter of a simple calculation (although sometimes it is). Notice that explanation involves words, and as a result, solutions that don’t involve any words will never earn full credit!

1 Grades/Quizzes/Homework/Exams

Grades

Grades will be calculated using the following weighting system:

Homework: 5%;

Quizzes: 40%;

Exams: 55% total, broken up as follows: 15% for each mid-term and 25% for the final.

	87 – 89.9 : B+	77 – 79.9 : C+	67 – 69.9 : D+	below 60 : F
93 – 100 : A	83 – 86.9 : B	73 – 76.9 : C	63 – 66.9 : D	
90 – 92.9 : A–	80 – 82.9 : B–	70 – 72.9 : C–	60 – 62.9 : D–	

Quizzes

We will have a quiz every week, except for those weeks when we have an exam. Each quiz will be handed out on Thursday, and due the Tuesday of the following week at 4 pm. I encourage you to work with other students, but you should write up your solutions in your own words. **DO NOT COPY!** Because life is likely to happen to all of us this quarter, your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

Homework

There will be homework assigned weekly. **Problems assigned on a Wednesday or later will be due on the Friday of the following week at 4 pm.** (For example, problems assigned on January 4, 5, 6, 9, or 10 will all be due at 4 pm on Friday, January 13.)

Homework will be graded on completion. This means I'll be most interested in seeing that you have made a good-faith effort to do a problem. It is a good idea to work with other students from class. We won't have time to do many homework problems in class, so please feel free to ask during office hours. However, please do not put off asking about homework until the day before it's due! Each set of book problems will be worth five points.

Submitting Work Electronically: Homework and Quizzes must be submitted electronically through Canvas.

1. Homework and Quizzes may only be submitted in .pdf format, and your submission must consist of a **SINGLE PDF FILE**. That is: you may **NOT submit a separate file for each page of your work! You must combine all parts of your submission into a single pdf prior to submission!** Your submission must be less than 20 MB, fewer than 15 pages, oriented correctly and in focus. Submissions that do not meet these guidelines will earn zero points.
2. If you choose to hand-write your homework, you have a couple of options for submission:
 - (a) You can scan it to a PDF document using a cell phone camera. Some apps that do this (there are many others if you don't like these): Adobe (free) or CamScanner (free version) for Android phones; the Notes App (built-in) or CamScanner (free version) for iPhone.
 - (b) You can take a well-lit, in-focus photograph, insert it into a Microsoft Word or OpenOffice Writer document (making sure that the photo is oriented correctly and easy to read), and then save the document as a .pdf file for upload to Canvas.

Whichever method you choose, please double-check that your image is oriented correctly. Images not oriented correctly, images that are not well-lit, or images that are out of focus will lead to the assignment being returned without being graded.

Late Policy for Book Problems and Quizzes

Quizzes and homework will be due at 4 pm their due date. Quizzes or homework submitted after 4 pm on their due date will have 4 points deducted, and 4 more points will be deducted every 24 hours after. That means: if you submit a a quiz at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, you can earn at most 16 out of 20 on that quiz. If you submit your quiz one day on Wednesday at 4:30 pm, you can earn at most 12 out of 20, since over 24 hours will have passed. In addition, no credit can be earned for quizzes submitted after graded work is returned to the class. This will typically be before class on Friday.

Exams

There will be three exams: two mid-terms and a final. The first mid-term will be Tuesday, January 31, and the second will be Wednesday, February 22. The Final Exam will be Wednesday, March 15, and will be cumulative. If you are unable to take an exam in the allotted time frame, you may be eligible for a make-up. To get a make-up, you must notify me before the exam (if possible) or within 24 hours after the exam that you will not be able to take it. In addition, a make-up is only allowed if you have proof of a compelling reason for having missed the exam. Make-ups will not be given for circumstances you know about ahead of time! When a make-up exam cannot be taken before I return the corrected exam, I reserve the right to instead replace that portion of your course grade with your final exam

grade. These considerations also apply to the final: **IF YOU MISS THE FINAL BECAUSE YOU OVERSLEPT OR HAVE THE WRONG DATE OR TIME, YOU DO NOT GET A MAKE-UP FINAL!**

2 Important Dates

January 10 - Last Day for Add/Drop

January 31 - first mid-term exam

February 17 - uncontested withdrawal deadline

February 22 - second mid-term exam

March 15 - Final Exam

3 General Class Policies

Come to class — attendance is considered necessary for success! We will occasionally do things that are not in the book — you are responsible for all material covered in class! Do your own work. Work really hard; this class is likely to be quite difficult, but you will leave it with a useful set of skills that will be applicable in your future math and computer science courses.

Face Coverings and Social Distancing: I strongly encourage you to wear a mask — your mask protects me; my mask protects you. Masks with one-way valves for exhalation do not provide protective value for others — please don't use them as your face covering for any in-person interactions. Thank you for helping keep all of us safe!

If you choose to attend office hours in-person, please note that you **MUST** wear a face covering. If this is not an option for you, office hours (and appointments) can be done online over Zoom. Please feel free to knock on my office door during office hours — a closed door does not mean I am not there!

Class Recordings: Attendance is considered mandatory, and you should plan to attend. Lecture/discussion will be recorded and posted on Canvas for those who are unable to attend on a given day. We all benefit from the conversations in-class, and they will be richer for having you there! One of the points of attending classes is to have an expert in the content area provide you with guidance in that content area, and be able to respond to any questions you may have. In addition, we may have some period of class where you will in a small group with others to outline and write a proof. If you do not attend, you miss out on the substantial benefit these small group interactions provide.

When attending virtually, please turn on your camera if that is reasonable given your situation, bandwidth issues, etc. If you cannot turn on your camera, please use a profile picture on Zoom that matches your profile picture on Canvas (and please put one up on Canvas) so that we don't have to look at a sea of initials!

If I become sick or need to quarantine, the course will revert to a synchronous online course, using the Zoom link posted in Canvas.

Academic Honesty: Consult university policies (CWUP 5-90-040(22), CWUR 2-90-040(22), and WAC 106-125-020) for student conduct, cheating, plagiarism, and other academic expectations. Academic misconduct can lead to disciplinary action from earning a zero on an assignment to and failing the course.

Inclusivity Statement: As a member of a peer learning community, a high degree of professionalism is necessary. **CWU expects every member of the university community to contribute to an inclusive and respectful classroom culture.**

Classroom Conduct: Students in this class are expected to interact with students and the professor professionally. Instances of disruptive conduct, obstructive conduct, or harassment (see definitions from the Washington Administrative Code: WAC 106-125-020) will be referred to the Dean of Student Success.

Disability Support Services: Central Washington University is committed to creating a learning environment that meets the needs of its diverse student body. Students with disabilities should contact Disability Services to discuss a range of options to removing barriers, including accommodations: Hogue Hall 126, 509.963.2214, DS@cwu.edu

Religious Obligations and Schedule Conflicts: In compliance with RCW 28B.137.010, Central Washington University makes every effort to deal reasonably and fairly with students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. Students must present written notice to their instructor *within the first two weeks of class* listing the specific dates on which accommodations are required. Contact the Dean of Student Success at (509) 963-1515 for further information or questions.

Communication: In all things, communication is key. If you have something going on, please let me know (no details you don't feel comfortable sharing, of course, just a general heads-up). Please do this even if you're not sure that whatever is going on will affect your class performance! As things need to change during the quarter, I will do my best to let you know as soon as I can. In all things, please extend grace to me and your classmates, and I will do my best to do the same.

I reserve the right to change the policies contained in this syllabus as dictated by developments during the quarter.