



## **Math 752, Introductory Topology II**

**Number of Credits:** 3 credits

**Course URL:** [www.math.wisc.edu/~kent/Math752.Spring.2018.html](http://www.math.wisc.edu/~kent/Math752.Spring.2018.html)

**Course Designation or Attributes:** None

**Meeting Time and Location:** TR 1-2:15 in Van Vleck B325

**Instructional Mode:** Face to face

**Credit hours:** The three credit hours are met by two 75-minute meetings and a minimum of two hours of out of class student work per week for 15 weeks.

### **INSTRUCTOR:**

Autumn Kent

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### **OFFICIAL COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The course is a continuation of Math 751 covering fundamental topics in algebraic topology. Core topics covered are: cohomology, cup product, Poincaré duality, higher homotopy group, Hurewicz Theorem, Whitehead's Theorem, fiber bundles.

### **Requisites**

Math 751.

### **LEARNING OUTCOMES**

At the end of this course students should be able to:

- compute the cohomology from a cell structure
- use effectively the fundamental tools of cohomology, reduced cohomology, the long exact sequence of a pair, excision, and the Mayer-Vietoris sequence
- apply the Universal Coefficient Theorem in computations
- distinguish spaces using the cohomology ring
- make effective use of Poincaré duality
- make elementary computations of homotopy groups using the Hurewicz Theorem and covering spaces
- make effective use of Whitehead's Theorem
- recognize and construct fiber bundles
- make homotopy calculations using the long exact sequence of a fibration

## **Textbook and Software**

- Algebraic Topology by Allen Hatcher

## **GRADING**

There will be a take-home midterm, a take-home final, and biweekly homework assignments.

Students will receive an A if, based on the performance on the exams and homework, I believe that you are able to pass the department qualifying exam in topology. In the past, this has correlated roughly to a performance of 70% clear and correct responses on assignments.

A student will receive a B if they work and it is evident that they will not pass the qualifying exam.

A student doing little to no work will receive an F.

## **EXAMS**

The due dates for the exams are March 13<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The exams will be similar to problems given on the departmental qualifying exams.

## **HOMEWORK & OTHER ASSIGNMENTS**

- Homework: There will be biweekly homework assignments. You are encouraged to discuss the problems with your classmates, however, the final write-up should be yours.

## **RULES, RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- See the Guide's to [Rules, Rights and Responsibilities](#).

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

By enrolling in this course, each student assumes the responsibilities of an active participant in UW-Madison's community of scholars in which everyone's academic work and behavior are held to the highest academic integrity standards. Academic misconduct compromises the integrity of the university. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, unauthorized collaboration, and helping others commit these acts are examples of academic misconduct, which can result in disciplinary action. This includes but is not limited to failure on the assignment/course, disciplinary probation, or suspension. Substantial or repeated cases of misconduct will be forwarded to the Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards for additional review. For more information, refer to <https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/academic-integrity/>.

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