

Syllabus for MTH 532/632: Topology II (Differential Topology)

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◆ Class time and location: MW 8:50–10:05, Ungar 411

Class will be on Zoom until in-class lectures begin on January 31, 2022.

References:

Differential Topology by Guillemin and Pollack. Other references may be given throughout the course.

Description:

Differential topology is the study of smooth manifolds, and focuses on the qualitative, i.e. topological, properties of such spaces. Specific topics covered include: Differential and topological manifolds, classical groups and associated manifolds, tangent and tensor bundles, vector fields, differential forms, transversality, Sard's theorem, Stokes' Theorem. Other fun topics will be included time-permitting.

Homework:

Each week I will assign some homework problems. The problems will be listed on the course webpage. Your lowest homework grade will be dropped. Collaborating with your peers on homework assignments is permitted, but your solutions must be written up in your own words; identical homeworks will not receive credit. No late homework will be accepted.

Exams:

There will be two exams and a project.

Grading:

Homework is 25 %, each exam is 25 %, and the project is 25 %.

Standard university policies, including ones related to Covid-19, are assumed for this course. See <https://coronavirus.miami.edu/information-for/faculty-and-researchers/index.html> for details. Masks and distancing are required in the classroom.