Syllabus - Math 780 – Spring 2020

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Course contents and Goals: In this course, we will cover topics in Graph Theory including the Tutte Polynomial, Connectivity, Graph Minors and Structural Graph Theory. Our goals are to introduce techniques/methods to students in areas such as Graph Connectivity, Structural Theory, and Graph Minors, to develop their problem solving abilities, and enhance their critical thinking, mathematical and analytical reasoning abilities.

References: 1. Introduction to Graph Theory, 2nd Edition, by D. B. West
2. Bela Bollabas, Modern Graph Theory.

Grading Policy: Homework 30%, Presentation: 30%, Final Report 40%

Final Grade: The following point scale will be used to determine your final grade:

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Special Note: Students shall neither come into the class late nor leave early. Each student is responsible for all work missed due to absences.

Cheating: The following statement is the policy of Department of Mathematics regarding cheating:

Offenses: Cheating on any exam, quiz, class work, or homework, theft of exam questions or possession of exam questions prior to the time for the exam shall all be offenses subject to the appropriate penalties.

Penalties: The penalty for commission of any offense set out above is failure in the course, and subject to the approval of the Chancellor, dismissal or suspension from the University.

Withdrawal Deadline Date for the 2020 Spring Semester: Monday, March 2, 2020. After the course withdrawal deadline, courses will be recorded on University records and the W grade will be recorded if the student is not failing the course at the time of withdrawal; otherwise the grade recorded will be an F. After the course withdrawal deadline a student may drop a course only in
cases of extreme and unavoidable emergency as determined by the student’s academic dean. Dropping the course after the deadline will not be permitted because of dissatisfaction over an expected grade or because the student is changing their major.

SPECIAL DATES:
Spring Break: Monday, March 9 - Friday, March 13
Withdraw deadline: Monday, March 2, 2020
Good Friday: April 10, 2020
Classes end: Friday, May 1, 2020
Final Exam: Monday, 4:00 pm, May 4, 2020
THE FINAL EXAM will be comprehensive.