

MATH 431 – Introduction to Algebraic Geometry

Semester: Spring 2009
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Exams & Grading: 2 Midterms (100 pts each)

- **1st Midterm** ~ 5th week
- **2nd Midterm** ~ 10th week

Final exam (150 pts)

- **Final Exam** Finals week

Homework (~ 50 pts)

Course Schedule: Tuesday 8:40–10:30 Room SAZ-01
Friday 8:40– 9:30 Room SAZ-19

Office Hours: Tuesday 10:40–11:30
Friday 10:40–11:30

Textbook: Lecture notes
Supplementary: Phillip A. Griffiths *Introduction to Algebraic Curves*.
Trans. Math. Monographs, Volume 76,
American Mathematical Society (1989)

Tentative course contents

- Complex projective plane and projective algebraic curves
- Abstract Riemann surfaces; holomorphic functions and differentials
- Complex manifolds and algebraic varieties; maps
- Smooth *vs.* singular points, tangent spaces; singularities of plane curves
- The Normalization theorem (resolution of singularities for curves)
- Divisors, intersection numbers, the Bézout theorem; the Riemann-Hurwitz formula; the genus formula
- The Riemann-Roch theorems; applications to small genera
- Abel's theorem and its applications

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