Foundations of Mathematics Spring 2017

Course: Foundations of Mathematics, MHF 4203/5207, sections 3216 and 128D

Meeting time and place: LIT 0127, MWF 6th period

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Textbook: We will use a preliminary version of a Foundation textbook written by University of Florida faculty (this part mostly by Chris Porter), available here.

Brief description: We will cover chapters 1 through 6. This includes propositional and predicate calculus (also known as sentential or first order logic, respectively), model theory including Goedel’s completeness theorem, computability, and finally decidability of mathematical theories, with Goedel’s incompleteness theorem.

Grading system: There will be four take-home exams covering the corresponding topics. The first will cover propositional and predicate logic, with preliminary due date of Feb. 8. The second covers model theory, due Mar. 15. The third covers automata and computability, due April 5. The last one covers decidability, due date April 24=Monday of the final week. The total grade will be determined using a straight scale (i.e. A=94-100, A-=90–93 etc.)

Further administrative matters: Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx.

Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu. Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results/.

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.

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