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Topics in Combinatorics, MAD 7397, Spring 2024

University of Florida
Little Hall 121, MWF7 (1:55–2:45)

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Text:

The Probabilistic Method by Alon and Spencer.

Course Content:

We aim to introduce the probabilistic method and present numerous applications of it in combinatorics.

Assignments & grading:

Grades will be based on class participation and intermittent homework assignments.

If you have a disagreement with the grading of one of your solutions, I ask that you submit a written request for reconsideration within one week.

Grading will be in accordance with the UF policy stated at
<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>.

Miscellaneous:

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Class Attendance: Attendance will not be monitored. If you are going to miss a day that homework is due, I ask that you either have someone else in the class bring your homework or email it to me before class. Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found at: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx>.

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Online Evaluations: Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing online evaluations 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/>.

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