

**Course Contract**  
**MTG 6346: Topology I**

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**Text:** *Algebraic Topology*, by A. Hatcher

**Course content:** We will discuss the following topics: homotopy and the fundamental group; simplicial, singular, and cellular homology; persistent homology; and as time allows, begin a discussion of cohomology. Along the way we will learn a lot of homological algebra.

**Grading:** A necessary condition for success in this class is diligent completion of homework. I will assign homework regularly and take it up every two weeks; this counts 70% of your grade. There will also be a final exam worth 20%. Finally, each student will give a presentation about a specific topic at some point in the term; this counts 10%.

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