

MAT6932-1982(24519) - Spec Topics in Math

**Course:** Elementary differential equations MAT6932, section 1982, course number **24519**

**Meeting time and place:** LIT 0217, MWF 5th period

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### **Textbook.**

We will follow the book Ralf Schindler: Set Theory up to page 126 (available in the UF library as an e-book). Other possible resources include Thomas Jech: Set Theory (also available in the UF library as an e-book) or Kenneth Kunen: Set Theory (both old and revised editions are fine). Jech's book covers much, much more material than what we can manage in this course, but otherwise it is the standard. Schindler's book reflects the material and the level of detail of this course better than the two other options.

### **Brief description.**

The course is divided into three parts. In the first part, we introduce the axioms of set theory and the axiomatic method, ordinals, cardinals, and transfinite induction and recursion. In the second part, we cover Goedel's constructible universe. In the third part, we develop Cohen's method of forcing. In particular, the students will learn how to prove independence of the Continuum Hypothesis from the other axioms of set theory.

### **Grading system.**

There will be three take-home exams corresponding to the three parts of the course outlined above. The dates are TBA at the moment; the students will have at least a week for each of the exams. The three exams will have equal weight in determining the total weight.

### **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 \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available [here \(Links to an external site.\)](#). Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via [this link \(Links to an external site.\)](#). Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students [here \(Links to an external site.\)](#).

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