

Discrete Math (DMAT) Course Syllabus

		WHAT	HOW
DAY 1	morning	Introductions, seating assignments, pre-assessment, overview of course	Index cards, data sheets, 2 Handshake Problems
	afternoon	Basic set theory, fundamental counting principle, Venn diagrams, Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion	Subsets using M&M's
	evening	Cartesian product, functions	
DAY 2	morning	Quiz, introduction to Inductive Proofs, determining general term of a sequence	Tower of Hanoi, Number of subsets, Finite differences
	afternoon	Arithmetic and geometric series, sigma notation	
	evening	Developing formulas for the sum of a series, inductive proofs involving divisibility	Finite differences, results proven by induction
DAY 3	morning	Quiz, Euclidean algorithm, numbers in other bases	
	afternoon	Counting and numbering subsets, Pascal's triangle and its relationship to subsets	M&M's to count subsets of various sizes
	evening	Problems involving subsets (choosings), Investigating relationships in Pascal's triangle	
DAY 4	morning	Quiz, counting arrangements, factorial notation for arrangements, simplifying factorials	Bagel game
	afternoon	Problems involving arrangements, pigeonhole principle, indirect proof	Introduce indirect proof using colored index cards, and then 3 prisoners problem
	evening	Relationship between choosings and arrangements, factorial notation for choosings	M&M's
DAY 5	morning	Test, proving relationships involving factorials, especially the Pascal's triangle relationship	By algebraic simplification of factorials, and by induction,
	afternoon	Problems in combinatorics	
	evening	Problem sets	

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DAY 6	morning	Quiz, probability, birthday problem, Monte Hall Problem	
	afternoon	Combinatorics and probability, conditional probability	
	evening	Problem sets	
DAY 7	morning	Quiz, probability trees, law of large numbers, Monte Carlo simulations	Coin tossing, dice rolling
	afternoon	Binomial theorem, binomial probability distributions	Prove by induction
	evening	Hypergeometric probability distribution	
DAY 8	morning	Quiz, Intro to graph theory	
	afternoon	Isomorphic graphs, further graph theory	“Dots” and toothpicks
	evening	Introduce Konigsburg bridge problem, problem sets	
DAY 9	morning	Quiz, solution to Konigsburg, Eulerian graphs	Finding Eulerian trails on campus
	afternoon	Salesman’s problem, Hamiltonian graphs, cheapest cycles	
	evening	Problem sets	
DAY 10	morning	Test, spanning trees	“Dots” and toothpicks
	afternoon	Minimum weight spanning trees, Kruskal’s algorithm, directed graphs, project graphs, critical paths	
	evening	Problem sets	
DAY 11	morning	Quiz, bipartite and planar graphs, 3 utilities problem, Euler’s formula for planar graphs	Develop by investigating several graphs
	afternoon	Colorings of graphs, chromatic number and applications to scheduling	
	evening	Problem sets	
DAY 12	morning	Quiz, 5 color theorem, 4 color theorem	
	afternoon	Binary trees, coding using binary trees and 1-time pads, tournaments, ranking preferences	Students will encode messages and have others decode, Telephone Game in Binary
	evening	Problem sets	

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DAY 13	morning	Quiz, matrix operations, identity matrix, inverse matrix	
	afternoon	Coding using matrices, matrices applied to network analysis, dominance matrices	Students will code messages using a matrix, and have other students decode
	evening	Problem sets	
DAY 14	morning	Quiz, Euclidean algorithm and linear Diophantine equations	
	afternoon	General solution for Diophantine equation, applications	
	evening	Problem sets	
DAY 15	morning	Modulo systems	
	afternoon	Parent conferences	