

**Course Syllabus**  
**Introduction to Math Thought - Math 3300.01**  
**Fall 2017**

Class Meeting Time	MW 3:00-4:20
Class Meeting Place	LDB 403
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**Catalog Description**

This course includes an introduction to sets, logic, the axiomatic method and proof. Writing enhanced. Credit 3. Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MATH 1430 or consent of instructor.

**Textbook**

Ted Sundstrom: *Mathematical Reasoning: Writing and Proof Version 2.1* ISBN 9781500143411. You can purchase this book from Amazon (it is very inexpensive) or download it for free from <http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/books/9/> Homework assignments will be given from this book.

**Grade**

Your final grade will be based on a weighted average of homework assignments and quizzes, 2 midterm exams, and a comprehensive final exam. The weights are as follows:

Homework/Quiz Average: **25% (drop the lowest homework grade)**,

Exams: **25% each** ,

Comprehensive Final Exam: **25%**

Homework assignments and quiz dates will be posted on Blackboard in an assignment table. The final exam is not optional. Make-up exams and make-up homework assignments are only allowed in cases of excused absences (see attendance policy below). You cannot re-take an exam and there are no extra credit assignments.

**Typing Homework** Some of the homework problems must be typed. These problems will be labeled with an asterisk in the assignment table that is posted on blackboard. I will provide a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  template. I will encourage students to use [www.overleaf.com](http://www.overleaf.com) as a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  platform, but you are welcome to use any compiler that you are familiar with. You may also type your assignments using Word, Open Office, or Google Drive.

Many of the homework assignments will involve writing or constructing proofs. Mathematical proofs will be graded on the following scale:

Points	Criteria
10	Solution is mathematically correct and well-written.
8-9	This is good work; however, there are minor mathematical errors or the exposition is lacking.
7	The ideas are good, but there is at least one major mathematical oversight or mistake.
6	I do not follow your argument, but I see that you have worked hard on this problem. Come discuss in office hours!
< 6	You have not communicated that you have put enough work into this problem.

### Important Dates

The last day to Q drop is Friday, November 10.

The final exam is on Wednesday, December 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

### Additional Notes

- Attendance - You should attend all classes and are responsible for all notes, announcements, assignments, quizzes, and exams. You should notify me via phone message or email as soon as possible as to why you were not in class or will not be attending class. **An absence is excused only in cases of medical emergencies, death in the family, or school sponsored events. To excuse an absence, you must provide legitimate documentation (for example, a doctors note) no later than the day that you return to class.**
- Cell Phone Use: Use of cell phones (text messaging, social media browsing, etc.) are prohibited during class time except for notifications in cases of emergency. Repeated use of your cell phone in class may result in you being asked to leave class and/or losing the privilege of lowest homework/quiz grades being dropped. During an exam, your cell phone should be stored securely in such a way that it cannot be seen or used. The visible presence of such a device during an exam may result in a zero on the exam and is considered de facto evidence of cheating.
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- Religious Holy Days - Students are excused from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. As a courtesy, it is appreciated if you notify me in advance and in writing of the dates and times that are to be missed so that appropriate arrangements can be made regarding homework and/or exams. [http://www.shsu.edu/vaf\\_www/aps/documents/861001.pdf](http://www.shsu.edu/vaf_www/aps/documents/861001.pdf)

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SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities. For a complete listing of the university policy, see: <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>

- **Classroom Etiquette** - Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy. <http://www.shsu.edu/students/guide/StudentGuidelines2010-2012.pdf#page=29>
- **Visitors in the Classroom** - Only registered students may attend class. Exceptions can be made on a case-by-case basis. In all cases, visitors must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance.