

Math 60430: Basic Geometry & Topology I, Fall 2026

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Class Hours: TTh 11:00-12:15

Classroom: HH 117

Office Hours: Just stop by if my door is open!

Topics: The main topics of this course are smooth manifolds, covering spaces, and the fundamental group.

Suggested Texts: For smooth manifolds part of the course, I will roughly follow Milnor's book *Topology from the Differential Viewpoint*. Another good book with a similar point of view is Guillemin–Pollack's book "Differential Topology". For the covering spaces and fundamental group part of the class, I will follow a book I am in the process of writing that will be posted to the course website.

Homework: Homework will be assigned every Thursday and will be due the following Thursday by 5pm in my office (slide it under my door if I am not there). It will be posted to the course webpage by Thursday evening. Collaboration is encouraged, but each student must independently write up his/her own solutions. Late homework is never accepted, but the lowest homework grade is dropped.

Homework Grading: Your homework will be mostly graded on completeness, though I might occasionally read through a problem or two.

Exams: There will be one midterm exam and one final exam. The date of the midterm will be announced the second week of classes. Both will be three-hour in-person exams. To help me choose an evening for the midterm, please send me an email with any non-movable evening obligations you have as well as the dates of other midterms/major projects.

Grading:

10% Homework

45% Midterm

45% Final