MATH3900
Geometry and Topology
Session 1, Special circumstances 2021
Department of Mathematics and Statistics

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Notice
As part of Phase 3 of our return to campus plan, most units will now run tutorials, seminars and other small group activities on campus, and most will keep an online version available to those students unable to return or those who choose to continue their studies online.

To check the availability of face-to-face activities for your unit, please go to timetable viewer. To check detailed information on unit assessments visit your unit’s iLearn space or consult your unit convenor.
General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites
130cp including MATH2010 or MATH235

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This unit is designed to widen geometric intuition and horizons by studying topics such as projective geometry, topology of surfaces, graph theory, map colouring, ruler-and-compass constructions, knot theory and isoperimetric problems.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes
On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Formulate and model practical and abstract problems in mathematical terms
using methods from geometry and topology

**ULO2:** Apply concepts and techniques of geometry and topology to practical and abstract problems

**ULO3:** Use axioms and definitions correctly within a mathematical argument

**ULO4:** Apply the mathematical notions of invariant and isomorphism in order to discriminate and classify geometric objects

### General Assessment Information

Assessment consists of Assignment 1 with weight 15% due on Wed 31 Mar (week 6), Assignment 2 with weight 15% due on Wed 19 May (week 11), Class test (online) with weight 15% on Mon 3 May (week 9), and Final Exam with weight 55%.

**LATE SUBMISSION OF WORK:** All assessment tasks must be submitted by the official due date and time. In the case of a late submission for a non-timed assessment (e.g. an assignment), if special consideration has NOT been granted, 20% of the earned mark will be deducted for each 24-hour period (or part thereof) that the submission is late for the first 2 days (including weekends and/or public holidays). For example, if an assignment is submitted 25 hours late, its mark will attract a penalty equal to 40% of the earned mark. After 2 days (including weekends and public holidays) a mark of 0% will be awarded. Timed assessment tasks (e.g. tests, examinations) do not fall under these rules.

### Assessment Tasks

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### Assignment 1

Assessment Type: Problem set  
Indicative Time on Task: 5 hours  
Due: Week 6  
Weighting: 15%

The assignments will include questions from both the topology and the geometry component of the unit.
On successful completion you will be able to:

- Formulate and model practical and abstract problems in mathematical terms using methods from geometry and topology
- Apply concepts and techniques of geometry and topology to practical and abstract problems
- Use axioms and definitions correctly within a mathematical argument
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Class Test (Online)
Assessment Type 1: Quiz/Test
Indicative Time on Task 2: 6 hours
Due: Week 9
Weighting: 15%

This will be an online test and cover both the geometry and the topology components of the unit.

On successful completion you will be able to:

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Assignment 2
Assessment Type 1: Problem set
Indicative Time on Task 2: 5 hours
Due: Week 11
Weighting: 15%

The assignments will include questions from both the topology and the geometry component of the unit.
On successful completion you will be able to:
  • Formulate and model practical and abstract problems in mathematical terms using methods from geometry and topology
  • Apply concepts and techniques of geometry and topology to practical and abstract problems
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Final Exam
Assessment Type 1: Examination
Indicative Time on Task 2: 12 hours
Due: Formal University Examination Period
Weighting: 55%

This will be an invigilated exam that covers all aspects of the unit

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1 If you need help with your assignment, please contact:
  • the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
  • the Learning Skills Unit for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation
Delivery and Resources

Classes

Lectures: you should attend two one-hour lectures each week.

SGTA: you should attend one one-hour SGTA each week (starting in week 2).

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

Additional notes will be attached to the course’s iLearn page. Also recommended for the course is the following online texts:

The Four Pillars of Geometry by John Stillwell

Chris Cooper’s Note on Geometry at https://coopersnotes.net/third_geometry.html

Chris Cooper’s Note on Topology at https://coopersnotes.net/third_topology.html

Technology Used and Required

Students are expected to have access to an internet enabled computer with a web browser and Adobe Reader software. There are computers for student use in the Library and MUSE.

Difficulties with your home computer or internet connection do not constitute a reasonable excuse for lateness of, or failure to submit, assessment tasks.

Unit Schedule

Week 1: Geometry: Euclidean geometry in the complex plane
Week 2: Topology: Topological spaces
Week 3: Geometry: Affine functions
Week 4: Topology: Surfaces and Surgery
Week 5: Geometry: Affine geometry
Week 6: Topology: Graphs on Surfaces, Graphs and Map Colouring
Week 7: Geometry: Projective geometry
Week 8: Topology: Knots and Links
Week 9: Geometry: Projective geometry; Test online
Week 10: Topology: The Alexander number of a Knot, The Alexander Group of a Knot
Week 11: Geometry: Constructions in geometry and number fields
Week 13: Revisions
Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Grade Appeal Policy
- Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy (Note: The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.)

Students seeking more policy resources can visit the Student Policy Gateway (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit Policy Central (https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct

Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to help you improve your marks and take control of your study.
Student Enquiry Service
For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au
If you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Equity Support
Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.
When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Changes from Previous Offering
Last year, the topology part was delivered in the first 6 weeks, and geometry part in the second 6 weeks.
This year, topology and geometry parts will be delivered in alternate weeks, geometry in weeks 1,3,5,7, 9, 11 and topology in weeks 2,4,6,8,10 and 12.
In the last delivery, there was 4 hours of lecture each week. In this delivery, there are 2 hours of lecture and 1 hour of SGTA.

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