

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO**  
**COLLEGE OF SCIENCE**  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

**Course Number:** MATM 3303 (CRN 21029)

**Course Title:** Fundamentals of Number Theory from an Advanced Standpoint

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Term:** Spring 2024

**Course Structure:** 40% Asynchronous online  
60% In-person (LART 202; Tuesdays 1:30 PM - 3:20 PM)

**Prerequisite Courses:** MATH 2303 with a grade of "C" or better

**Instructor:** Kien Lim (He/him)

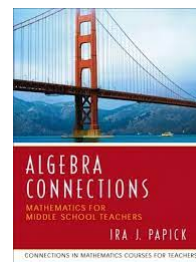
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1:30 PM – 2:30 PM Thursday  
By appointment via Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/zoomKienLim>

**Course Description** Students will work middle-school level problems in number theory, with the intention of both mastering the problems and developing understandings of how the problems are approached by middle school students.

**Textbooks:** (Required) *Algebra Connections: Mathematics for Middle School Teachers* by Ira J. Papick  
(Supplementary) *Mathematics for Elementary Teachers with Activities* by Sybilla Beckmann



**Course Objectives:** Students will

- investigate and explore concepts in number theory and algebra
- conceive mathematics as a problem-solving endeavor that involves visualizing, investigating, and analyzing
- develop the habit of attending to meaning, analyzing problem situations, making connections, justifying, and explaining
- develop good learning skills like reading math text, posing questions, making connections, creating notes, using representations, and communicating understanding
- cultivate a growth mindset where the focus is learning and effort rather than looking good
- experience the benefits of creating a positive learning atmosphere

- Coursework:**
- This course uses the flipped instructional model. You learn some materials ahead of time by reading the textbook, watching math videos via Edpuzzle (join at <https://edpuzzle.com/join/ridwota>), and answering embedded.
  - During class meetings, you ask questions to affirm your understanding, take an in-class assessment, and apply your knowledge to solve problems.
  - You are expected to put in an average of 9 hours per week for a 3-credit hour course.

- Course Structure:**
- In-class Meetings (Tues)
- Review homework and asynchronous work
  - Math activities to build on concepts learned in asynchronous work or to introduce math concepts
  - Take an in-class assessment if there is one
- Homework (Tues - Thurs)
- Complete homework on OneNote Class Notebook by Thursday 11pm
  - May work collaboratively but must write in your own words. (If two responses are similar, then each response will only receive ½ of the score).
- Asynchronous work (Fri - Sun)
- Complete online work on OneNote Class Notebook by Sun 11 pm
    - Read and understand the assigned text
    - Watch Edpuzvideos and answer embedded questions
    - Answer questions on OneNote Class Notebook
  - Take an online quiz via Respondus Lockdown Browser on Mon 7-11 pm
- Exams
- Exam items are designed to assess your understanding of the concepts and application of your understanding (i.e., you need to think).
  - You are allowed a scientific calculator.
  - Since the final exam is comprehensive, you are allowed a cheat sheet (8½-by-11) with notes on both sides.

- Grading Scheme:**
- Participation & Engagement (10%)  
Homework & Online Work (35%)  
Online Quizzes & In-class Assessments (15%)  
Mid-term Exam (15%)  
Final Exam (25%)

To compensate for the higher-cognitive demand in assessments and exams, the following scale is used:

A	≥ 80%
B	70% - 80%
C	60% - 70%
D	45% - 60%
F	< 45%

- Important Dates:**
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| Census Day (Last Day to Drop without W)            | Jan 31  |
| Mid-term Exam (1:30 pm – 2:50 pm)                  | March 5 |
| Course Drop Deadline (Last Day to Drop with a “W”) | Mar 28  |
| Final Exam (1:00 pm – 3:45 pm)                     | May 9   |

If you feel that you are unable to complete the course successfully, please let me know and then contact the [Registrar's Office](#) to initiate the drop process. If you do not, you are at risk of receiving an “F” for the course.

<b>Tentative Schedule:</b>	<b>Weeks</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Topics</b>
	1 – 5	2	Arithmetic and Algebra of the Integers
	6 – 10	3	The Division Algorithm and the Euclidean Algorithm
	10 – 14	4	Arithmetic and Algebra of the Integers Modulo $n$
	14 – 15	1	Patterns

**Culture-of-Care Statement:** UTEP espouses a culture of care and excellence. In this course, I strive to model kindness and do my best to support your learning while maintaining high expectations and learning outcomes.

**Make-up Policy:**

- The lowest scores of your asynchronous work, homework, and assessment will be dropped because there will be no make-up.
- If you should miss the exam, the possibility of make-up will be determined on an individual basis. If you cannot provide documentation to support your reason, your exam grade will be counted as the missed-exam grade.

**Incomplete Grade Policy:** All grades of Incomplete must be accompanied by an Incomplete Contract that has been signed by the instructor of record, student, departmental chair, and the dean. The College of Science allows a period of one month to complete this contract. A grade of Incomplete is only used in extraordinary circumstances confined to a limited event such as a missed exam, project, or lab. If the student has missed a significant amount of work (e.g. multiple assignments or tasks), a grade of Incomplete is not appropriate or warranted.

**Academic Integrity Policy:** Academic dishonesty is prohibited and is considered a violation of the UTEP Handbook of Operating Procedures. It includes, but is not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, and collusion. Cheating may involve copying from or providing information to another student, possessing unauthorized materials during a test, or falsifying research data on laboratory reports. Plagiarism occurs when someone intentionally or knowingly represents the words or ideas of another as ones' own. Collusion involves collaborating with another person to commit any academically dishonest act. Any act of academic dishonesty attempted by a UTEP student is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. All suspected violations of academic integrity at The University of Texas at El Paso must be reported to the [Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution \(OSCCR\)](#) for possible disciplinary action. To learn more, please visit [HOOP: Student Conduct and Discipline](#).

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All materials used in this course are protected by copyright law. The course materials are only for the use of students currently enrolled in this course and only for the purpose of this course. They may not be further disseminated.

**Covid-19 Precautions**

Please stay home if you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. If you are feeling unwell, please let me know as soon as possible, so that we can work on appropriate accommodations. If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are encouraged to report your results to [covidaction@utep.edu](mailto:covidaction@utep.edu), so that the Dean of Students Office can provide you with support and help with communication with your professors. The Student Health Center is equipped to provide COVID 19 testing.

**Services & Resources:**

[Help Desk](#)

Students experiencing technological challenges (email, Blackboard, software, etc.) can submit a ticket to the UTEP Helpdesk for assistance. Contact the Helpdesk via phone, email, chat, website, or in person if on campus.

[UTEP Library](#)

Access a wide range of resources including online, full-text access to thousands of journals and eBooks plus reference service and librarian assistance for enrolled students.

[Math Tutoring Center \(MaRCS\)](#)

Ask a tutor for help and explore other available math resources.

[University Writing Center \(UWC\)](#)

Submit papers here for assistance with writing style and formatting, ask a tutor for help and explore other writing resources.

[RefWorks](#)

A bibliographic citation tool; check out the RefWorks tutorial and Fact Sheet and Quick-Start Guide.

[Military Student Success Center](#)

Assists personnel in any branch of service to reach their educational goals.

[Center for Accommodations and Support Services](#)

Assists students with ADA-related accommodations for coursework, housing, and internships.

[Counseling and Psychological Services](#)

Provides a variety of counseling services including individual, couples, and group sessions as well as career and disability assessments.