

Term papers

Each student should write a term paper of 10-15 pages on a topic of student's choice that must be approved by the instructor.

The term paper will be graded mostly on basis of its content, and on quality writing.

However the **grade** will depend also on performing of the work according to the following **time frames**:

- By **November 1**, the topic should be chosen and approved by the instructor.
- By **November 8**, the bibliography should be presented to the instructor. It should include at least two books beyond the textbook.
- By **November 15**, a draft of the paper should be presented to the instructor.
- By **December 1**, the term paper should be finished and uploaded to Blackboard.

Failure to fulfil **each** of these tasks at time will cause reduction of the grade **by 10%**. Late papers will not be accepted.

Criteria for grading of a term paper

- The topic should have relevant and consistent connections with the content of the course.
- Citations should be relevant and correct.
- The text should demonstrate clear understanding of the mathematics involved.
- The text should be readable, typed in an easily readable font in 12pt size, double spaced.

Organization of a term paper

- It should have a title and abstract.
- It should have Introduction. It should give a clear summary of the mathematical content, historical frameworks and the actors.
- The main body of the paper should be formed of sections. Each section should have a meaningful title.
- In the final section, the influence of the development presented in the paper on the subsequent mathematics and its applications should be considered.
- The list of bibliography should be placed at the end of the paper.

Advice about titles

Make a detailed plan of your text. Equip each piece of it with a meaningful title. At first glance the efforts of making the titles seems to be unneeded. Though they help to realize what exactly you want to write and makes text substantially more clear.

Plagiarism:

- All the work you submit must be your own work. If you cheat or aid someone in cheating, you will automatically fail this course and be brought up on charges of academic dishonesty without warning.
- Cheating includes: presenting work of other person as your own, copying other student work, facilitating copying by other student your work, cut and paste from websites without an appropriate acknowledgment / reference.
- Any student who plagiarizes material will fail the course and will be reported to Academic Judiciary.
- The term paper will be checked with SafeAssign and if cheating is detected, it will be reported to the Academic Judiciary.