Math 382: Seminar
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Course Description and Goals: The main goal of this course is to give you practice giving technical, mathematical presentations to various audiences, and to practice good habits as an attendee of mathematical presentations.

Attendance: You are expected to attend every seminar. If for whatever reason you cannot attend, please let me know. If you cannot attend on a day you are scheduled to speak, please let me know as soon as possible!

Religious accommodations: Students have the right to practice the religion of their choice. If you believe you might need accommodations to take part in religious celebrations, please submit in writing to me by the end of the second full week of classes your religious holiday schedule for the semester.

SAS: In keeping with University policy, any student with a documented disability interested in utilizing accommodations should contact SAS, the office of Student Accessibility Services (previously ACCESS). Once you have this letter, I will be available to meet with you privately to discuss the accommodations you plan to use in this course.

Grading: Your grade for this class will be based on your participation in class on days when you are not speaking and on your preparation and to some extent your performance on days when you are speaking. The very vast majority of students will get an A in this class.

More precisely, here is what I expect from you:

On days when you are not speaking, during the talk please do the following:
- Write down Three Things about the talk. They can be definitions, facts, quotes, etc.
- Write down one question you could ask, either during the talk or at the end of the talk.
- Write down any comments you have for the speaker (typos, anything that could have been clearer, etc.) Please write your name on the comments and be constructive and polite.

On days when you are speaking, you are expected to turn in your title and abstract one week before your talk, and to come prepared, ready to give your talk and to start promptly when the period begins.

Statement on diversity: Mathematics can be learned and enjoyed by everyone, regardless of gender, age, race, sexual orientation, or other personal characteristics. As a group we will work to create a space where we all feel welcomed and encouraged, and any actions or speech that detract from this atmosphere will not be tolerated.

In particular, we will be mindful of encouraging others to let us know if they do not already know something and do everything to support them in their learning. We will not say that things are "trivial." We will offer corrections gently and with the intention of helping the other, as opposed to making ourselves feel good.