

Putnam Team Seminar

POLICIES/SYLLABUS

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Meets: M 1:10–3:00pm in RH 308.

Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in Math 2200 and Math 2205.



Resources: There is no required textbook. I will provide weekly practice problem sets. See the official exam website <https://maa.org/putnam/> for additional practice problems. All your undergraduate mathematics textbooks will be useful resources for the relevant mathematical techniques; but the primary requirement for doing well is clever thinking.

Office Hours: MWF 10:00–10:50am; T 1:30–2:50pm; R 2:10–3:30pm in my office RH 216. In addition to my regularly scheduled office hours, please feel free to see me at other times, either by appointment or at other times if I am not busy. Office hours are subject to change with or without notice, so you are advised to check my current schedule and availability posted at <https://ericmoorhouse.org/schedule.html>.

Grading:

This is a 2-credit S/U course. The requirement for a satisfactory credit (S) is regular participation in the course AND in the 85th annual William Lowell Putnam Mathematics competition which is expected to take place all day on Saturday, December 7, 2024. There is no passing grade on the exam, and no particular level of performance is required, only participation.

Homework:

Practice problem sets will be distributed weekly. These will be distributed in class, and made available on WyoCourses. We will spend class time discussing problems of interest. Moreover, students are encouraged to practice writing up solutions and posting them through WyoCourses where I will make comments (without assigning actual grades).

MATH 2850 Course Website:

Course-related announcements, links, handouts, etc. will be posted at the course website <https://ericmoorhouse.org/courses/2850/> (not to be confused with WyoCourses).

Students with Disabilities: If you have a physical, learning or psychological disability and require accommodations, please let me know as soon as possible. You will need to register with, and provide documentation of your disability, to the University Disability Support Services (UDSS) in SEO, Knight Hall 330, phone 766-6189.

Additional Resources:

- Ask for help when you need it. For academic assistance for this course please contact me for available resources. Assistance is available through the [Dean of Students](#).
- Please let us know if you notice another student who needs help in our (anonymous) [WyoCares](#) referral option.
- If you have any challenges related to IT (Information Technology), please contact the [UWIT Service Center](#).

Syllabus Changes: This syllabus is subject to change. Updates to this syllabus will appear electronically on the course website, and you will be alerted by email.