

Math 489 and Math 575P: Problem Solving Fall 2013

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Course web page: www.math.binghamton.edu/mazur/teach/48913/48913.html

Office Hours: M, F 11.00:12.00; W 12-1. Also by appointment.

Textbook:

The Art and Craft of Problem-Solving, by Paul Zeitz.

Homework: Homework will be collected regularly. Assignments and corresponding due dates will be posted on the course web page. Solutions will be collected and graded. Solutions will be discussed in class.

Tests: There will be one test, a final exam and the Putnam Exam.

Date of the test: Monday, October 27.

Date of the final exam: Monday, December 16, 4:30-6:30, S2 143.

Date of the Putnam Exam: Saturday, December 7, 10:00-1:00 and 3:00-6:00 PM

Grading Policy: Grades will be based on a combination of homework, class participation, the test, and the final. Anyone who solves a problem on the Putnam Exam and is doing satisfactory class work/homework will automatically receive an A.

Final Remarks: You are responsible for attending class, behaving in class, taking class notes, doing homework problems, asking for and coming in for help, etc.; in the end, you are responsible for your success in this class so work hard! Late arrivals, early departures, cell phone conversations, eating, or drinking are not appropriate. It is your responsibility to keep informed of all announcements, syllabus adjustments, or policy changes made during scheduled classes. **Both class attendance and systematic work on the homework problems are crucial for the success in this class.**

All the above information is tentative. I reserve the right to make reasonable changes if I find it necessary.