Syllabus

- full syllabus available on the website
- get a copy of the syllabus!
Course Website

sierra.nmsu.edu/morandi/math210g
WebCT Page

grades will be available through WebCT at salsa.nmsu.edu
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Office Hours

Monday 1:30-2:30
Wednesday 8:30-9:30
Textbook

- There is no textbook for this course
- Course materials will be available on the website or from other internet sites
- All course materials must be obtained from the web
Prerequisites

High school algebra and an adequate score on the Math Placement Exam
Homework

• 7 assignments
• graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
• turn in individual paper, can work in groups
• can resubmit one assignment graded U
Exams

none!

That is, no midterms, no quizzes, no final exam
Critical Math Project

- work in groups of 3-4
- 2 minute script for radio broadcast
- based on NPR’s “StarDate”
- graded S/U
Grading

6 satisfactory assignments including a satisfactory critical math script earns an A
Grading (cont.)

6 satisfactory grades not including a satisfactory critical math script earns a B

5 satisfactory grades including a satisfactory critical math script earns a B
Grading (cont.)

5 satisfactory grades not including a critical math script earns a C

4 satisfactory grades including a critical math script earns a C
Grading (cont.)

• 4 satisfactory grades not including a satisfactory critical math script earns a D
Grading (cont.)

3 or fewer satisfactory grades, with or without a satisfactory critical math script, earns an F.

In order to earn an A, you must have a satisfactory critical math script.
Grading (summary!)

• A = 5 hws + critical math (all graded S)
• B = 6 hws or 4 hws + critical math (all S)
• C = 5 hws or 3 hws + critical math (all S)
• D = 4 hws
• F = anything else
Attendance Policy

• attendance will not be taken
• much class time will be devoted to group work on assignments.
• It is therefore an excellent idea to attend class!
Course Topics may include

- interest rates
- encryption: keeping information secret
- tessellations: connections with art
- statistics: sampling, understanding charts
- probability
- lotteries and gambling
- graph theory
Important Dates

• last day to add: January 28
• last day to drop (with W): March 10
• Spring Holiday: March 21
• Spring Break: March 24-28
Incomplete Grades

NMSU policy: an incomplete can only be given to a student who has done passing work in the first half of the course.

reasons for an I: documented illness or family emergency preventing one from finishing the course
Academic Ethics

NMSU plagiarism policies at

www.nmsu.edu/~vspa/SCOC/misconduct.html
NMSU Communication

official communication through your NMSU email address

you can have your NMSU email forwarded to another address: login to my.nmsu, open email, click options tag
Slides Styles

are any of the following styles better than the white background, black type you have been looking at?
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For Tuesday

• we’ll start with interest rates
• you will need a scientific calculator for in-class work (or a computer)
• If a calculator has \(^\) (or \(x^y\)) and it should be adequate
Have a good weekend,
and see you on
Tuesday!