

Math 459

Senior Seminar

Spring 2010

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When: TTh 1:00–2:20
Where: AHN 201
Text: None required but many used.

MATH 459, *Senior Seminar*, is the capstone class for those of you who are majoring in mathematics. As noted in the catalog, you will be choosing—actually should have chosen last semester—a topic of interest which you will research throughout the semester with the help of a faculty advisor. During the last few weeks of class you will present to your family, friends, colleagues, and various faculty members a 30 minute synopsis of your research. You will also be responsible for turning in a paper which describes your work in more depth.

- **ATTENDANCE:** You are encouraged to attend all scheduled class sessions. Much of our time together will be spent critiquing each other's presentations. If you are not present, you will not be able to participate in the process of helping to improve your classmates' presentations—a required component of the class. In particular, attendance at the final presentations of all of your fellow seniors is required.
- **CELL PHONE:** Out of consideration for your classmates, please turn your cell phone off before entering our classroom. You may not be able to hear the vibration when your phone rings or the clicking as you send text messages, but many of your classmates and I can. By distracting me you are detracting from the quality of the experience that I can provide for everyone else in the room.
- **ACADEMIC HONESTY:** Please familiarize yourself with the University's policy on academic honesty (see the catalog). If there is evidence that you have copied any part of your work, you will be subject to University disciplinary action for plagiarism (see the catalog).