

# PLAN FOR MATH 124, FALL 2001<sup>1</sup>

DATE	NOTE	READING	SUBJECT
W Sept 12		<b>D</b> 7–8, <b>K</b> ix–4	OVERVIEW 1: What is This Course About?
F Sept 14		<b>D</b> 16–31	PRIMES 1: Prime Factorization
M Sept 17		<b>D</b> 179–181, <b>P</b> 1–13	COMPUTING 1: Introduction to Computing and PARI
W Sept 19	hwk	<b>D</b> 35–38	PRIMES 2: The Sequence of Prime Numbers
F Sept 21		<b>D</b> 41–48	CONGRUENCES 1: Fermat’s Theorem
M Sept 24		<b>D</b> 48–51	CONGRUENCES 2: Chinese RT, Wilson’s Theorem, Prime Modulus
W Sept 26	hwk	<b>D</b> 51–56	CONGRUENCES 3: Equations Modulo $N$
F Sept 28		<b>D</b> 206–209	CRYPTOGRAPHY 1: Intro to Public-key Crypto. (Diffie-Helman)
M Oct 1		<b>D</b> 210–211	CRYPTOGRAPHY 2: The RSA Cryptosystem
W Oct 3	hwk	<a href="http://www.rsa.com">www.rsa.com</a>	CRYPTOGRAPHY 3: RSA in Practice
F Oct 5		<b>D</b> 59–62	QUADRATIC RECIPROCITY 1: Primitive Roots
M Oct 8	holiday	.....	.....
W Oct 10	hwk	<b>D</b> 63–70	QUADRATIC RECIPROCITY 2: The Reciprocity Law
F Oct 12		<b>D</b> 70–74	QUADRATIC RECIPROCITY 3: The Proof
M Oct 15			OVERVIEW 2: Midterm Review
W Oct 17	hwk		<b>Midterm</b>
F Oct 19		<b>G</b> 145–152	COMPUTING 2: Programming in PARI
M Oct 22		<b>D</b> 78–89	CONTINUED FRACTIONS 1: Introduction, Basic Facts
W Oct 24	hwk	<b>D</b> 89–93	CONTINUED FRACTIONS 2: Infinite Continued Fractions
F Oct 26		<b>D</b> 94–104	CONTINUED FRACTIONS 3: Quadratic Irrationals
M Oct 29		<b>D</b> 104–111	CONTINUED FRACTIONS 4: Pell’s Equation
W Oct 31	hwk	<b>D</b> 115–120	QUADRATIC FORMS 1: Sums of Two Squares
F Nov 2		<b>D</b> 129–133	QUADRATIC FORMS 2: Equivalence of Quadratic Forms
M Nov 5		<b>D</b> 133–138	QUADRATIC FORMS 3: Discriminants
W Nov 7	hwk	<b>D</b> 140–145	QUADRATIC FORMS 4: Reduced Positive Definite Forms
F Nov 9		<b>D</b> 159–162	ELLIPTIC CURVES 1: Trivial Notions 1
M Nov 12	holiday	.....	.....
W Nov 14	hwk	<b>K</b> 17–20	ELLIPTIC CURVES 2: Basic Notions 1
F Nov 16		<b>D</b> 162–165, <b>K</b> 25–32	ELLIPTIC CURVES 3: Basic Notions 2
M Nov 19		<b>P</b> 21–24, <b>G</b> 76–82	COMPUTING 3: Computing with Elliptic Curves using PARI
W Nov 21	hwk	<b>D</b> 165–168	ELLIPTIC CURVES 4: Elliptic Curves over Finite Fields
F Nov 23	holiday	.....	.....
M Nov 26			ELLIPTIC CURVES 5: Elliptic Curve Factorization 1
W Nov 28	hwk		ELLIPTIC CURVES 6: Elliptic Curve Factorization 2
F Nov 30		<b>D</b> 168–170	ELLIPTIC CURVES 7: Fermat’s Last Theorem
M Dec 3		<b>K</b> 20–24	ELLIPTIC CURVES 8: The Congruent Number Problem
W Dec 5	hwk	<b>W</b> 1–2	ELLIPTIC CURVES 9: The Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture 1
F Dec 7		<b>W</b> 3–5	ELLIPTIC CURVES 10: The Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer conjecture 2
M Dec 10			COMPUTING 4: Empirical Evidence for the BSD Conjecture
W Dec 12			OVERVIEW 3: Final Review

**D:** Davenport, **K:** Kato et al., **P:** PARI tutorial, **G:** PARI guide, **W:** Wiles

<sup>1</sup>Remember that this plan is only a plan, not a contract.