MAT 541 Introduction to Number Theory Spring 2009

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Text: Elementary Number Theory, by David M. Burton, Sixth Edition

Course Description: This course is a first course in number theory. The course will cover at least Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9. There will be additional topics presented by the instructor. The work you do for the course will include solving problems with applications from the material and writing proofs of claims.

Prerequisite: MAT 275 and MAT 331 or permission of instructor.

Grading: Your grade will be based on the following:

Two mid-term exams 25% each

Comprehensive final exam 35% Homework 15%

Exam Dates: Tentative schedule:

Exam 1 Tuesday, February 17, 2009 Exam 2 Thursday, April 25, 2009

Final Exam Friday, May 1, 8:00 – 10:00 am