

# Mathematics 5 Course Syllabus January 1, 2008

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The list of topics below will give you some idea of the tentative schedule for Mathematics 5 this Winter. However, the topics may change depending upon the interests of the class, and if so, we will modify the schedule and agree on a new version. The chapter references are to the draft manuscript *Mathematics and Knowledge: Models of Reality* by Dwight Lahr.

Week	Topics	References
#1 Jan 7, 9, 11	Visualization, Quantification, Abstraction	Chapter 1
#2 Jan 14, 16, 18	Abstraction, Idealization, Truth, Logic	Chapter 1, Chapter 2
#3 Jan 23, 24**, 25	Connectives, Thms, Prfs, Paradoxes	Chapter 2
#4 Jan 28, 30; Feb 1	Infinity, Zeno's Paradoxes	Chapter 6
#5 Feb 4, 6	Primes('), Congs., Fermat's Little Thm	Ch. 3 (3.4, 3.5, 3.14, 3.15)
#6 Feb 11, 13, 15	Euler's Thm, Codes(')	Chapter 4
#7 Feb 18, 20**, 22	RSA Algorithm	Chapter 4
#8 Feb 25, 27, 29	Einstein, Energy, $E = mc^2$	Chapter 9 (9.10 and 9.11)
#9 Mar 3, 5, 7	$E = mc^2$ ; Wrap up; evaluations	Final Paper due Mon, 3/10

## Notes:

\* Week #3: MLK holiday on Monday, 1/21 (x-hour 1/24: Thursday, 12:00-12:50—quiz)  
 Week #6: Winter Carnival on Friday, 2/8 (no class that day)

\*\* Quizzes: Thursday, January 24; Wednesday, February 20.

Final seven-page paper due on first day of finals: Monday, March 10.

Special schedules: MLK holiday                      Meet in x-hour in week #3  
                                  Winter Carnival                      No class on Friday in week #5

(') Check out the Prime Reference webpage *primes.html* on the Math 5 website for links on the web to information about primes. Also look at the RSA website *www.rsa.com* for information about the RSA Public Key algorithm for encoding and decoding messages.

(') Use the library's Math 5 Guide to Library Research at  
<http://www.dartmouth.edu/~krescook/instruct/math5.W08.shtml>