

This course has no formal prerequisites, although CALCULUS 1 is strongly recommended.

In general, to benefit from many of the Seminar talks you will need more than CALCULUS 1 and CALCULUS 2. For some talks you might need background in CALCULUS 3, LINEAR ALGEBRA, and sometimes even more. In general, the more mathematics you have experienced, the more likely it is that you will profit from the Seminar.

Usually, at the beginning of the semester we don't have a complete schedule for all the talks. The updated schedule can be found in the web at

<http://www.bourbaki.net/seminar/schedule.txt>

Seminar Rules

- The course will be graded **both** by attendance **and** by writing summaries for the talks. **Both** conditions are required to get a passing grade.
- If you miss more than one seminar meeting, your grade will decrease accordingly.
- If you sign the attendance sheet and leave the seminar before it is over, your name will be removed from that day's attendance. Likewise, if you spend the seminar time working on other subjects, reading a book, etc., your name will be removed from the signup sheet.
- If you have someone else sign your name for you, while you are absent, this is will be regarded as serious cheating, and you will receive an F grade.
- Summaries must be submitted in a timely fashion, on the same week that the talk took place. If you wait until the end of the semester to submit your summaries, they will not be counted for the grade.
- Summaries don't have to be long, but they must reflect your attendance and participation. Comments and suggestions are welcome.
- You must sign the attendance sheet at every meeting. This is the only means we have to certify your attendance. You must sign your name legibly, using the same signature that you are using to sign your acknowledgment of this document today.

Summaries are to be submitted to seminar@bourbaki.net.

Professor Murray Kirch will send you an acknowledgement that your summary has been received. Please **make sure that you get the acknowledgement**; this is your only way of knowing that your summary has been received and accounted for. Read more about this in

<http://www.bourbaki.net/seminar/index.html>

My office hours this semester are Mondays 11:30–12:30; Wednesdays and Fridays 2:30–3:30.