


## MTH4092-1 Special Topics in Mathematics

	Mathematics, Information, and Computer Sciences College of Natural and Social Sciences MTH4092-1 Special topics in Mathematics 2 Units Consent of instructor	
	Fall 2024: September 2 <sup>nd</sup> – December 20 <sup>th</sup>	

Tuesday meeting: 8:30 – 9:25 am	Instructor: Jesús Jiménez-Reyes, Professor of Mathematics	
Thursday meeting: 8:30 – 9:25 am	Phone: 619-849-2634	
Meeting location: RS 365	Email: jjimenez@pointloma.edu	
Final Exam RS 365	Office hours: RS234	MW 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
December 19 <sup>th</sup> (Thu) 7:30 am – 10:00 am		TR 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**PLNU MISSION: TO TEACH ~ TO SHAPE ~ TO SEND**

Point Loma Nazarene University exists to provide higher education in a vital Christian community where minds are engaged and challenged, character is modeled and formed, and service becomes an expression of faith. Being of Wesleyan heritage, we aspire to be a learning community where grace is foundational, truth is pursued, and holiness is a way of life.

**DEPARTMENT MISSION**

The Mathematical, Information, and Computer Sciences department at Point Loma Nazarene University is committed to maintaining a curriculum that provides its students with the tools to be productive, the passion to continue learning, and Christian perspectives to provide a basis for making sound value judgments.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Study of an area of mathematics not otherwise included in the curriculum. The needs and interests of students and faculty involved determine the topics. May be repeated for a total of six units.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES**

This is a course on theoretical mathematics.

1. Students will learn old methods of encryption
2. Students will learn current methods of encryption (private key and public key).

**REQUIRED TEXTS AND RECOMMENDED STUDY RESOURCES**

**Textbook:** An Introduction to Mathematical Cryptography

**Author:** Hoffstein J, Pipher J, Silverman J.

**Publisher:** Springer

**ISBN:** 978-1-4939-1710-5

**COURSE CREDIT HOURS INFORMATION**

In the interest of providing sufficient time to accomplish the stated Course Learning Outcomes, this class meets the PLNU credit hour policy for a 2-unit class delivered over 15 weeks. Specific details about how the class meets the credit hour is provided below.

Homework	20:00
Reading Text	30.00
Class meetings	25.00
Midterms	2.00

Final Exam	2.50
TOTAL	79.50

### GRADE COMPONENTS

The grade components are written homework and written tests.

### OTHER FACTORS THAT AFFECT GRADES

- **Tests and Final Examination:** Tests and the final exam will include problems and questions over material assigned in the text, readings and handouts, as well as material presented in class. No examination shall be missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control. A score of zero will be assigned for an examination that is missed without prior consent or a well-documented emergency beyond your control. The examination schedule is included in the daily schedule. This instructor does not intend to accept excuses such as poor communication with parents, benefactors, surf team sponsors and/or travel agents. The final exam date and time is set by the university at the beginning of the semester and may not be changed by the instructor. Only in the case that a student is required to take three exams during the same day of finals week is an instructor authorized to change the exam date and time for that particular student. The student must contact each professor in order to work out an alternate time for one of those examinations. Department chairs/school deans and college deans need not be involved in the process of making this accommodation. Such accommodations and the negotiations necessary to arrange them must be completed at least four weeks prior to the official time of the final examination.
- **Late work:** All assignments are to be submitted/turned in by the beginning of the class session when they are due—including assignments posted in Canvas. Late work need not be accepted. Work accepted late may be assessed a penalty. Make-up tests will be given only by prior arrangement with the instructor for reasons of documented emergency.
- **Incomplete grade:** Incompletes will only be assigned in extremely unusual circumstances. You may request a grade of I (incomplete) only if you are having a passing grade and at least 70% of the course work is completed.

### GRADING SCALE

A passing grade requires getting at least 60% in one of the two tests or on the final exam. Grades are based on the number of points accumulated throughout the course. Approximate minimal percentages required to obtain a given grade are:

	A	B	C	D
+	(92.5, 100]	(87.5, 90]	(77.5, 80]	(67.5, 70]
	(82.5, 87.5]	(72.5, 77.5]	(62.5, 67.5]	
–	(90, 92.5]	(80, 82.5]	(70, 72.5]	[60, 62.5]

**GRADING DISTRIBUTION**

Grade Distribution	
Two tests (20% each)	40%
Final Exam	30%
Written Homework	28%
Attendance	2%
Total	100%

**STATE AUTHORIZATION**

State authorization is a formal determination by a state that Point Loma Nazarene University is approved to conduct activities regulated by that state. In certain states outside California, Point Loma Nazarene University is not authorized to enroll online (distance education) students. If a student moves to another state after admission to the program and/or enrollment in an online course, continuation within the program and/or course will depend on whether Point Loma Nazarene University is authorized to offer distance education courses in that state. It is the student's responsibility to notify the institution of any change in his or her physical location. Refer to the map on [State Authorization](#) to view which states allow online (distance education) outside of California.

**USE OF TECHNOLOGY**

In order to be successful in the online or hybrid environment, you'll need to meet the minimum technology and system requirements; please refer to the [Technology and System Requirements information](#). Additionally, students are required to have headphone speakers, microphone, or webcams compatible with their computer available to use. Please note that any course with online proctored exams require a computer with a camera (tablets are not compatible) to complete exams online.

Problems with technology do not relieve you of the responsibility of participating, turning in your assignments, or completing your class work.

**PLNU COPYRIGHT POLICY**

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**PLNU RECORDING NOTIFICATION**

In order to enhance the learning experience, please be advised that this course may be recorded by the professor for educational purposes, and access to these recordings will be limited to enrolled students and authorized personnel.

Note that all recordings are subject to copyright protection. Any unauthorized distribution or publication of these recordings without written approval from the University (refer to the Dean) is strictly prohibited.

**PLNU ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY**

Students should demonstrate academic honesty by doing original work and by giving appropriate credit to the ideas of others. Academic dishonesty is the act of presenting information, ideas, and/or concepts as one's own when in reality they are the results of another person's creativity and effort. A faculty member who believes a situation involving academic dishonesty has been detected may assign a failing grade for that assignment or examination, or, depending on the seriousness of the offense, for the course. For all student appeals, faculty and students should follow the procedures outlined in the University Catalog. See [Academic Policies](#) for definitions of kinds of academic dishonesty and for further policy information.

**PLNU ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATIONS POLICY**

LNU is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all its programs, services, and activities in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students with disabilities may request course-related accommodations by contacting the Educational Access Center (EAC), located in the Bond Academic Center (EAC@pointloma.edu or 619-849-2486). Once a student's eligibility for an accommodation has been determined, the EAC will work with the student to create an Accommodation Plan (AP) that outlines allowed accommodations. The EAC makes accommodations available to professors at the student's request.

PLNU highly recommends that students speak with their professors during the first two weeks of each semester/term about the implementation of their AP in that particular course. Accommodations are not retroactive so clarifying with the professor at the outset is one of the best ways to promote positive academic outcomes.

Students who need accommodations for a disability should contact the EAC as early as possible (i.e., ideally before the beginning of the semester) to assure appropriate accommodations can be provided. It is the student's responsibility to make the first contact with the EAC. Students cannot assume that because they had accommodations in the past, their eligibility at PLNU is automatic. All determinations at PLNU must go through the EAC process. This is to protect the privacy of students with disabilities who may not want to disclose this information and are not asking for any special accommodations.

**PLNU ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION POLICY**

Attendance is expected at each class session. In the event of an absence, you are responsible for the material covered in class and the assignments given that day.

Regular and punctual attendance at all class sessions is considered essential to optimum academic achievement. If the student is absent for more than 10 percent of class sessions, the faculty member will issue a written warning of de-enrollment. If the absences exceed 20 percent, the student may be de-enrolled without notice until the university withdrawal date or, after that date, receive an "F" grade. See the Undergraduate Academic Catalog [Class Attendance](#).

**CLASS ENROLLMENT**

It is the student's responsibility to maintain his/her class schedule. Should the need arise to drop this course (personal emergencies, poor performance, etc.), the student has the responsibility to follow through (provided the drop date meets the stated calendar deadline established by the university), not the instructor. Simply ceasing to attend this course or failing to follow through to arrange for a change of registration (drop/add) may easily result in a grade of F on the official transcript.

**SPIRITUAL CARE**

Please be aware PLNU strives to be a place where you grow as whole persons. To this end, we provide resources for our students to encounter God and grow in their Christian faith. If students have questions, a desire to meet with the chaplain or have prayer requests you can contact the [Office of Spiritual Development](#)

**SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION**

Point Loma Nazarene University faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students. If you (or someone you know) have experienced any form of sexual discrimination or misconduct, including sexual assault, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, know that help and support are available through the Title IX Office at <http://pointloma.edu/Title-IX>. Please be aware that under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, it is required to disclose information about such misconduct to the Title IX Office. If you wish to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility, you can contact Counseling Services at <mailto:counselingservices@pointloma.edu> or find a list of campus pastors at <http://pointloma.edu/Title-IX>.

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**THE FINAL EXAM IS A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION. (December 19<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 7:30 am – 10:00 am)**

Successful completion of this class requires taking the final examination on its scheduled day.

The final exam date, time and place is set by the university at the beginning of the semester and may not be changed by the instructor. This schedule can be found on the university website and in the course calendar. No requests for early examinations will be approved. Only in the case that a student is required to take three exams during the same day of finals week, is an instructor authorized to consider changing the exam date and time for that particular student.

**WRITTEN HOMEWORK PROBLEMS**

These assignments are to be written up on paper or a PDF uploaded to CANVAS on or before the due date. Homework will be assigned in Canvas.

Comments on homework:

1. This is the minimum amount of homework that is required but you may need to do several odd numbered problems to make sure you get the answer in the textbook.
2. A homework assignment is late if it is not received at the start of class on the due date. No late homework will be accepted except by prior arrangement or with a documented emergency.
3. Please be sure that your homework is stapled together and the problems are in order.
4. Homework will be scored on a combination of completeness and correctness. All work necessary to complete a problem must be shown to earn credit.
5. Start working on your homework early. These problems are difficult and meant to be done a little at a time over the course of a few days.
6. When doing homework, please note it is normal to not be able to do every problem correct on the first attempt. Do not be discouraged, instead seek help.

**DAILY SCHEDULE**

Week	Tuesday	Thursday	Due this week
1 9/2- 9/6	1.1	1.1	
2 9/9 – 9/13	1.2	1.2	
3 9/16-9/20	1.3	1.3	
4 9/23 – 9/27	1.4	1.5	
5 9/30- 10/4	1.6	1.7	
6 10/7 – 10/11	<b>EXAM 1: Chapters 1.</b>	2.1, 2.2	
7 10/14-10/18	2.3	2.4	
8 10/21-10/25	2.5	<b>No class: Fall Break</b>	

<b>9</b> <b>10/28 – 11/1</b>	2.6	2.10	
<b>10</b> <b>11/4 -11/8</b>	2.10	3.1	
<b>11</b> <b>11/11 -11/15</b>	3.2	3.3	
<b>12</b> <b>11/18 – 11/22</b>	3.2	<b>Exam 2: Chapters 2, 3.</b>	
<b>13</b> <b>11/25- 11/29</b>	3.3	<b>No class: Thanksgiving Break</b>	
<b>14</b> <b>12/2 – 12/6</b>	3.4	4.1	
<b>15</b> <b>12/9 – 12/13</b>	4.2	4.3	
<b>Finals</b> <b>Week</b> <b>12/16 – 12/ 20</b>	<b>Final Exam is Thursday, December 19, 2024</b> <b>7:30 to 10:00 am</b>		