

Fall 2026 East Texas A & M University

Math 440 – Topology

This is the syllabus for Math 440-Topology, Section 01E for Fall 2026. Please read it carefully. You will be responsible for all information given in the syllabus, and for any modification to it that may be announced in the semester.

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Class meetings and room: MW: 12:30-1:45pm, EDN 108.

Course Description: Ordinals and cardinals, topology of the real line, metric spaces, topological spaces, sequences, continuity and homeomorphisms on topological spaces.

Prerequisites: [MATH 2305](#) or [MATH 2414](#) with a minimum grade of C.

Text: *Topology for beginners*, by Steve Warner, Publisher: Get 800 (April 25, 2019) ISBN-13: 978-0999811771

Portions of Lessons 1-5, 7-11, 13 and (if time permits) 12, 14 in the textbook will be discussed. **Reference:** Introduction to Topology: Third Edition (Dover Books on Mathematics) Third Edition, by Bert Mendelson.

Instruction: Instruction will include lectures, demonstration and discussions.

Learning Outcomes: Upon successful completion of this course, the students will be able to:

1. Understand the concepts of sets, set operations, images and inverse images of functions and their computations;
2. Understand open sets, closed sets, boundary points, interior and closure of a set in the Euclidean topology on $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$;
3. Understand and explain the limits and continuity on $\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{C}$ in the language of open sets;
4. Understand the concepts of topology on a set and open sets, closed sets, boundary points, interior and closure of a set in generic topological space;
5. Understand and verify a topological basis and a basis for a topology; Verify subspace topology, product topology and metric topology;
6. Understand and verify continuity, homeomorphisms between general topological spaces.

Tests: There will be two midterm and a final exams for the course. The tentative schedules for the exams are:

Test 1: Sept. 23, Wednesday 12:30-1:45pm.

Test 2: Nov.4, Wednesday 12:30-1:45pm.

Final exam: The Final exam will be a comprehensive exam and is scheduled on **Dec. 9, Wednesday, 1:15– 3:15pm.**

Homework & Projects: Homework are assigned on a weekly basis. You are strongly recommended to work out homework assignments on a regular basis since **No one can learn mathematics without doing it!** The assigned homework problems will be collected to grade **once every two weeks**. Some homework problems or the similars will be used as test questions.

Course grades: The course grade consists of

Homework & Quizzes: 20%

Two tests : 50%

Final exam: 30%.

The letter grades will be assigned using the following scale:

A: 90-100% B: 80-89% C: 70-79% D: 60-69% F: 0-59%

Withdrawal Policy: Concerning the deadlines and consequences of withdrawals please check on <https://www.etamu.edu/drop-and-withdrawal-dates/>

Tutoring & Help: A better way to learn math is to keep progress and leave no gaps in one's study. So please get help as soon as you need it and do not wait until it is too late. You are welcome to come to me or go to Math Skills Center located in **Library, 3rd Floor (Rear)** where you can find free tutors for help. The tutoring hours of Math Skills Center for the current semester are:

MW: 10am – 8pm, TR: 10am-6:pm, and F 10am – 2pm

Academic Integrity: I have a **NO TOLERANCE** policy for cheating and if you are caught cheating you will fail this course. Cheating in this course includes the following:

- Giving or receiving answers during an exam or quiz.
- Viewing the exam or quiz answers of others.
- Having notes/practice work available during quizzes or tests.
- Possession or access to test items before the test is given.
- Deception in getting an excused absence to obtain the undeserved opportunity to make-up work.
- Use of cell phones or text messaging technology during exams or quizzes. You may not use the calculator on your cell phones.

- Improper citations in written works, or using another person's ideas and words as your own without giving proper credit.
- **Any** method, no matter how well rationalized or accepted, which improves a person's grade by any means other than study and skillful performances on exams and/or other assignments.

Students found guilty of an act of academic dishonesty in this course will be subject to receiving an "F" in this course.

Classroom Behavior: "All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment" (See Student's Guidebook). A&M-Commerce will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

AI use policy: Texas A&M University-Commerce acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

13.99.99.R0.03 Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty

13.99.99.R0.10 Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty

The information for students with disability: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact: Office of Student Disability Resources and Services, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Gee Library, Room 132, Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835, Fax (903) 468-8148, email: StudentDisabilityServices@tamuc.edu

Counseling & Help: The Counseling Center at A&M-Commerce, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.tamuc.edu/counsel

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Math 440/MTE540 Weeekly Progress

	Weekly Progress	Homework Due
W1	Talk : What is topology ?	
W2	Sets & Set Operations	
W3	Relations & Partitions	
W4	Functions & Equinumerosity	
W5	Review & Test 1	
W6	Topology on $\mathbb{R}$	
W7	Topology on $\mathbb{R}$ & Topology on a metric space	
W8	Topology on a metric space	
W9	Review & Test 2	
W10	Topological Spaces	
W11	Topological Concepts	
W12	Product and Quotient space	
W13	Review & Test 3	
W14	Continuity & Homeomorphisms	
W15	Course Review	
W16	Final Exam	