Schedule 125-103 (CRN 14190) MW 2:30-3:45 PM ILB 345
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You may address me as Dr. Carter, Professor Carter, Professor Zap, or DC. Do not refer to me as, “Ah hey.”
Course Materials will be posted here:
http://www.southalabama.edu/mathstat/personal_pages/carter/classes.html
Office Hours: MWF 10-11:30 or by appointment. You are encouraged to come to office hours to ask about the course and to get acquainted.
Lectures on new material will sometimes be posted at
http://www.youtube.com/ProfessorElvisZap
in the Topology play list. Volunteer video operators are needed. The plan is to create a sequence of 10 minute lectures that closely follow the book and/or the sections that I cover in class.
Grading Policies: All points earned are positive points. A large portion of the credit will be a result of your performance on homework. In a course such as this, it is natural and desirable to work with classmates on homework. Still, when you turn in your homework, I want you to understand that which you wrote. So I will be testing you by asking you to go to the board. Sometimes you will present sections to the class. Be aware I routinely check the r/mathhomework forum on reddit, and math.stackexchange. If you need help, ask me, another faculty member, or your classmates. But understand the solution before you hand it in!
Tests: There will be 2 tests: Monday Sept 21 and Monday Nov. 4. Each counts at least 100 points. Make-up exams will be an extreme rarity and subject to my discretion.
Final Exams The final will count at least 150 points. The official final exam schedule is found here:
http://www.southalabama.edu/registrar/dates.htm
According to my reading, the final is 15:30-17:30 Monday Dec. 10, 2012.
Scoring: I figure there will be about 560 points available to be earned. You will always be informed of your cumulative points. Graduate students will be expected to earn more points than undergrads in order to receive the same grade.
Absences: Absent students lose privileges.
Goals for the Course: Upon successful completion of the course a student will: (1) be able to prove theorems using the standard compactness argument; (2) be able to distinguish standard topological spaces by using connected and separation properties; (3) be able to prove the classification theorem for surfaces and to apply the theorem; (4) be able recognize standard topological spaces; (5) be able to drink from a coffee cup, be able to eat a doughnut or bagel and be able to tell why they are the same thing.
Other Remarks:
Special Students: If you have a specific disability that qualifies you for academic accommodations, please notify the instructor/professor and provide certification from Special Student Services. (OSSS is located in Room 270 of the Student Center (460-7212).

Disclaimer: The requirements and policies may be modified as circumstances dictate. Such changes will be provided to the students in class and in writing.

Dropping: The final drop date is October 26 at 4:59. Please speak to me if you are getting behind. Also talk to me before making a final decision to drop.

Academic Conduct and Disruption. See http://www.southalabama.edu/lowdown/policies.shtml