

## GENERAL REMARKS

There is a separate course outline that lists the course topics and keys them to the course references (Hatcher, *Algebraic Topology*, and Munkres, *Topology, Second Edition*). This outline and much additional material can be found in an online directory for the course that is listed below.

**Contact information.** My office is Surge 221, and it is around the corner from the Department's administrative front desk (Surge 202). Office hours will be posted during the first full week of classes. My telephone number is 951-827-6459 (as usual, suppress the area code from inside the 951 region, and also replace the 827 by a 2 if calling from an extension at UCR). Another highly recommended option is electronic mail; my full address is `schultz@math.ucr.edu` or simply `schultz` if you are logged into one of the Department's computers. Use of electronic mail is often easier than trying to play telephone tag. **IMPORTANT:** The default filters for electronic mail on the Department network are not very restrictive and I receive an enormous amount of garbage in my electronic mailbox (at least 100 per day most of the time!). Therefore I **strongly recommend** that you include something like **Math 246B** in the subject heading so that your message does not get inadvertently deleted without being read. Also, since the authors of junk messages often use only capital letters in their subject headings, this should be avoided as well.

**Grading policy:** There will be a relatively short take-home examination at the end of the course. Further information on grading will be given later.

**Course handouts and notes:** All printed handouts for the course will be available on the Department computer network in the directory `~res/math246B`. These include a copy of this handout, the course outline, the course notes, the homework assignments (and their solutions with some restrictions), and various files containing supplementary material. Aside from a few short text files, all course materials are available in the PDF format. If there are problems with any of these files, I can post alternative formats in most cases.

**IMPORTANT:** Please contact me immediately if you have problems viewing or printing out any of the files in the course directory.

*Class sessions:* Student questions are encouraged. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, especially if you do not understand something or if something in the lecture seems wrong — even if everyone else seems to understand.

Questions on homework are generally best answered at the beginning of class. In general these are encouraged, but in some cases it might be necessary to limit such question periods.