

CISC 2210 – Introduction to Discrete Structures

<http://www.sci.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~amotz/discretemath.html>

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Spring 2026, Tuesdays and Thursdays

TR11: 11:00am–12:15pm

TR2: 2:15pm–3:30pm

Classes:

- We meet twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - **TR11:** 11:00am–12:15pm in room 1141 IH
 - **TR2:** 2:15pm– 3:30pm in room 2127 IH
- Each 75-minute class involves a lecture with slides and internet videos. These slides will be available on the course website.
- If we cannot meet in person, classes will proceed via Zoom according to the existing schedule.

Attendance:

- You are required to attend the first two classes, the last class, and all exams and quizzes. For all other class sessions, attendance is not mandatory; however, you will be responsible for any material covered if you are absent.
- Attendance will be graded as 100 and can constitute up to 5% of the final grade, depending on the number of classes attended.

Communication with the instructor:

- Important announcements will come through the Brooklyn College system or CUNYFirst. Verify your preferred email in both systems to ensure you receive them.
- All course materials, including lectures, assignments, exams, quizzes, and announcements, will be made available on the course website.
<http://www.sci.brooklyn.cuny.edu/~amotz/discretemath.html>.
- Office hours are on Thursdays for one hour, starting 15 minutes after class ends
 - **TR11: 12:30pm.**
 - **TR2: 3:45pm.**

We will meet in either the instructor's office (Room 2112) or the classroom.

- Send all course-related questions via email to
 - **TR11: amotz.CUNY+2210S26TR11@gmail.com**
 - **TR2: amotz.CUNY+2210S26TR2@gmail.com.**

Emails sent to the instructor's other email addresses may not receive a response.

Online procedure:

- Use these Zoom links if an in-person meeting is not possible:
 - **TR11:** <https://brooklyn-cuny-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/7fpc6zrRST228am0ozk5Bw>
 - **TR2:** https://brooklyn-cuny-edu.zoom.us/meeting/register/p67MR0qWRe660_YucJPrdg
- Joining the Zoom session on time is essential. If you are not present before the session starts, you may not be admitted.
- In Zoom classes: mute your audio unless asked to speak by the instructor. Cameras are encouraged but optional. You can ask questions via chat, though a response is not guaranteed.

Assignments:

- Throughout the semester reading and writing assignments will be given. The reading assignments will prepare students for upcoming topics, while the writing assignments will provide practice on material already covered in class.
- Writing assignments are due on scheduled class dates. You can submit a physical copy (preferably typed) before or after that day's class, or email a PDF version to
 - **TR11:** amotz.CUNY+2210S26TR11@gmail.com.
 - **TR2:** amotz.CUNY+2210S26TR2@gmail.com.
- Assignments will receive a **Pass or Fail** grade. Detailed solutions for each assignment will be made available on the course website after their respective due dates.
- Try your best to do assignments independently, seeking help only when essential. You must understand all your written work and be prepared to explain it to the instructor.

Exams and Quizzes:

- Final Exam tentative time and room:
 - Date and time: Thursday May 21, 2026 or Tuesday May 26, 2026, 10:30am to 1:30pm
 - Room: The Tanger auditorium in the library
- Both midterm exams will be taken during class sessions. Tentatively dates are:
 - Midterm Exam 1: Tuesday March 3, 2026
 - Midterm Exam 2: Tuesday April 21, 2026
- Advance notice will be given for quizzes. Usually, there are two, but the total number could be more or less.
- Exams and quizzes will be meticulously graded, and detailed solutions will be made available.
- For all exams, quizzes, and assignments, write your answers only within the given space. Use legible handwriting for exams and quizzes, and type your assignments.
- Leaving a question blank provides 20% credit, whereas an incorrect response receives no credit. To receive full credit, you must justify your answers.

Project:

- The project is “open ended” and as such there will be no specific instructions on what to do. Instead, examples will be provided to show the kinds of projects that are acceptable.
- Only projects with an approved proposal will be graded.
- Project submission is not mandatory, but it is a great way for students to enhance their final grade.
- The deadline for submitting a project-proposal is Tuesday April 21, 2026.
- The deadline for submitting the project and its final report is Tuesday May 5, 2026.
- These deadlines are strict. No exceptions.

Final grade: The final grade will be composed of the following components:

- * 20% for the first midterm exam.
- * 25% for the second midterm exam.
- * 0% – 15% for the quizzes.
- * 0% – 10% for the assignments.
- * 0% – 15% for the project.
- * 0% – 5% for detecting errors and typos in presentations, assignments, exams, and quizzes.
- * 0% – 5% for attendance.
- * 5% – 55% for the final exam.

Remarks:

- The midterms and quizzes are mandatory. Usually, but not always, a midterm or a quiz grade lower than the final exam grade will be dropped, with its percentage weight transferred to the final exam.
- Nine writing assignments will be given. Each submission earns 1% towards the final grade (at a score of 100). Submitting all nine assignments is worth 10% of the final grade (at a score of 100).
- Attempting an approved project has no downside. Completed projects earn a 100 grade. This project can then count for up to 15% of the final grade if outstanding, or 0% if it doesn't meet minimum standards.
- You are encouraged to email the instructor about any errors/typos found in course materials all semester. This can earn a grade of 100, up to a maximum of 5% of your final grade.
- The weight of the final exam in your overall grade will be determined by how well you perform in all the areas previously mentioned.

Honor code:

- All exams, quizzes, and the project must be the student's own individual work. Unauthorized assistance or the use of external resources—including other people, the internet, books, or notes—is strictly prohibited unless the instructor grants express permission.
- Cheating will be punished severely. This means a guaranteed fail on the exam/quiz, and potentially failing the entire course.
- Additionally, cheaters risk further disciplinary action according to the CUNY policy on Academic Integrity:

Academic Dishonesty is prohibited in the City University of New York and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, suspension, and expulsion, as provided herein.