

**AMAT 842: SEMINAR IN TOPOLOGY
SYLLABUS - SPRING 2026**

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1. TEXTBOOK

None, I'll be working out of various papers.

2. COURSE DESCRIPTION

The topic will be to some extent determined by the class, we can focus on finiteness properties of groups, and/or discrete Morse theory, and/or Thompson-like groups, and/or other topics as desired.

3. HOMEWORK/GRADING

This is a topics course so things will not be overly formal, there will be an optional final project that ties in to the annual university Showcase.

4. POLICIES

See university policies [here] (medical excuse policy), and [here] (academic integrity).

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