Math 8300 Representations of Finite Dimensional Algebras Fall 2019

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Syllabus
1. Examples: representations of groups, posets, quivers and, more generally, categories.
2. The radical, semisimplicity, correspondence between indecomposable projective and simple modules.
4. Auslander-Reiten theory: irreducible morphisms, dualities, the AR translate, almost split sequences, the AR quiver.
5. Representation type. Applications to finite representation type and Brauer-Thrall questions.
7. The bounded derived category and Auslander-Reiten triangles.

Texts and sources
There will be no text to purchase: I will distribute notes, which will be available on my home page. The following books are helpful.

Course Assessment
There will be between 4 and 6 homework assignments during the course of the semester. If you make a genuine attempt at 50% or more of the questions you will get an A for the course. You do not have to obtain correct solutions to these questions, only make genuine attempts (in my opinion). I believe that it is extremely difficult to obtain a sound and permanently lasting command of the material presented without doing some work which actively involves the student. It should be possible for everyone who wishes to obtain an A on this course.

Expectations of written work
Most of the time in the homework problems, to satisfy my criterion of making a genuine attempt you will need to write down explanations for the calculations and arguments you make. Where explanations need to be given, these should be written out in sentences i.e. with verbs, capital letters at the beginning, periods at the end, etc. and not in an abbreviated form.
I encourage you to form study groups. However everything to be handed in must be written up in your own words. If two students hand in identical assignments, they will both receive no credit.
Prerequisites
Math 8201/2 or possibly Math 5284/5. There are various books explaining the basic material, for instance:

Incompletes
These will only be given in exceptional circumstances. A student must have satisfactorily completed all but a small portion of the work in the course, have a compelling reason for the incomplete, and must make prior arrangements with me for how the incomplete will be removed, well before the end of the quarter.

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