

## The Department of Mathematics

2018–19–B term

**Course Name** Arithmetic Methods in Cryptography

**Course Number** 201.1.3121

**Course web page**

<https://math.bgu.ac.il/en/teaching/spring2019/courses/arithmetric-methods-in-cry>

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### Abstract

### Requirements and grading<sup>1</sup>

### Course topics

An introduction to applications of algebra and number theory in the field of cryptography. In particular, the use of elliptic curves in cryptography is studied in great detail.

- Introduction to cryptography and in particular to public key systems, RSA, Diffie-Hellman, ElGamal.
- Finite fields, construction of all finite fields, efficient arithmetic in finite fields.
- Elliptic curves, the group law of an elliptic curve, methods for counting the number of points of an elliptic curves over a finite field: Baby-step giant step, Schoof's method.
- Construction of elliptic curves based cryptographic systems.
- Methods for prime decomposition, the elliptic curves method, the quadratic sieve method.
- Safety of public key cryptographic methods.

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<sup>1</sup>Information may change during the first two weeks of the term. Please consult the webpage for updates