

Fields and Rings Group Study Contract

Effective groupwork is highly encouraged. On the first day of class we talked about what this means and avoiding short-circuiting your ability to develop intuition. Please feel free to talk to me if you want to flesh this out more. In order to encourage effective groupwork, you may create a group study contract with peers in the class for any assignment or test. A new contract must be created for each such assignment. *This is completely optional and not required as part of the course in any way.*

To create the group study contract:

- Choose a group leader. A group leader is responsible for group organization, resolving conflict, and member accountability.
- Write a brief paragraph explaining how you plan to study together.
- (Group leader) E-mail Dr. Beyerl your plan; CC all group members.
- After you've finished all study sessions, compile a list of n positive things that came out of studying together, and a list of n areas to improve. Here n is the number of group members.
- (Group leader) E-mail Dr. Beyerl the above lists; CC all group members.

The benefits to a group study contract:

- You'll learn the material more thoroughly (Hopefully!!)
- Your recorded grade will be $0.65x + 0.45y$, where x is your individual grade, and y is the average of all n group members' individual grades.