

**Catalog Description:**

Elementary analytic and algebraic number theory, tracing its unifying role in the development of mathematics through history.

**Prerequisite:**

C or better in 4182H, or in both 2182H and 3345; or credit for 264H, or for both 263H and 345; or permission of department.

**Text:**

*An Introduction to the Theory of Numbers*, 6<sup>th</sup> edition, by Hardy, Wright, Heath & Brown, published by Oxford, ISBN: 9780199219865.

*Problem-Solving & Selected Topics in Number Theory: In the Spirit of the Mathematical Olympiads*, by Rassias, published by Springer, ISBN: 9781441904942.

**Topics List:**

1. Ancient Egyptian and Mesopotamian mathematics, the Greek tradition.
2. Famous irrationalities.
3. Continued fractions and applications.
4. Prime numbers and their asymptotic properties.
5. Quadratic reciprocity.
6.  $p$ -adic numbers, Ostrowski's Theorem.
7. Fermat's last theorem: a glimpse into modern developments.

