Welcome to PMTH331/PMTH431

(A First Course in Topology)

My name is Imi Bokor (pronounced as in “immigrant”) and welcome you to this course in topology.

The webpage for this unit is

http://mcs.une.edu.au/~pmth331

You should make this your “first port of call” for this unit, and check it regularly, as it is the authoritative site for current information concerning this unit. It contains the lecture notes, assignment questions, as well other important information and resources.

To succeed at this unit, you will need to work regularly and consistently.

It is essential to work through the lecture notes carefully and try to understand the material, rather than just treating them as a guide to solving problems. In fact, it’s the other way round: the problems are designed to get you to work through the notes.

Do not be discouraged if you cannot understand and do everything immediately.

Mathematics is not a spectator sport. You must do mathematics to learn mathematics.

This makes the tutorial questions and assignment problems an essential part of this unit.

Attempting the assignments and feedback from your marked assignments assist you to master the material in this unit.

Before attempting the assignments all students should read A Student’s Guide to Submitting Mathematics, available at

http://mcs.une.edu.au/~imi/studgui/

The Bulletin Board is intended for you to discuss topology with your fellow students. Use it to exchange ideas and help each other with the material in PMTH331. I shall not interfere in your discussions, but i shall keep an eye on things to ensure nothing gets out of hand.

If you have any questions you wish me to answer, or if you have comments, concerns or problems contact me directly, and not through the bulletin board.

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I am confident you will benefit from studying topology and wish you success.

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