

**Modern Algebra**  
**MATH 325W – Spring 2015**

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Monday: Chapter 7: Rings  
Wednesday: Chapter 8: Polynomial Rings  
Friday: Chapter 8: Polynomial Rings

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**Week 6**

HOMEWORK

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**Homework #10**

**due Friday, February 27**

Ch. 7: #9, 10  
Ch. 8: #18, 20, 24

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS

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On writing assignments, part of your grade will reflect the quality of your *style*. Style includes everything from the basic mechanics of writing (complete, grammatically correct sentences with capitalization and proper punctuation) to the conventions of writing mathematics developed in Linear Algebra.

**Writing Assignment #5**

**due Friday, February 27**

**Problem 1.** Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . If  $\alpha^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ , prove that  $S := \{a + b\alpha \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{C}$  and that  $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) = \{a + b\alpha \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ .