Expectations
This course is cumulative, therefore it is very important that you keep up with the material lecture by lecture. Attendance is mandatory. In addition to attending every session, you are expected to keep up with all of the reading material. There will be no homework assignments and no exams.

Format
All lectures will be given by students. The first 8 student lectures will be assigned on the first day of class. Each lecture will be 30-40 minutes. For some useful lecture guidelines, go to Mark Behrens’ “guidelines for lectures” on OCW.

Before your first lecture, you will give me a practice lecture. If your lecture is on Tuesday, we will meet on Saturday or Sunday (if possible); if your lecture is on Thursday, we will meet on Monday or Tuesday (if possible). If you get a C or below on any lecture, you will be required to give me a practice lecture prior to your next lecture.

Grading
Your grade will be determined by:

- 70% - lectures/class participation
- 30% - your final project

Your lecture grade will be determined by the quality and the degree of improvement of your lectures. Your class participation grade will be determined by demonstrated attentiveness and engagement during the lectures (asking questions is a good way of getting a good participation grade!). Attendance is mandatory; after 2 absences, your total grade will be docked an entire letter grade for each additional absence. Every five minutes you are late for each session will decrease your maximum participation grade by a full letter grade. This means that if you are 5 minutes late, your maximum participation grade for the day will be a B; for 10 minutes, a C, etc. Every 3 tardies will count as an absence. Tardies and absences excused in advance will bear no penalty.

There will be no homework assignments and no exams.

Final Project
You will be required to learn and write about a topic in geometry/topology that is not covered in class. I can give you some project ideas, or you can suggest your own topics (anything interesting you've heard about). The final paper must be about 10 pages long. The last 3 class meetings will be devoted to presentations of your final projects. Each presentation will be about 20-30 minutes long.

Due Dates:
March 5, 2009 Deadline for choosing a topic.
May 5, 2009 Final Project Draft due.
May 14, 2009 Final Project due.