

Mathematics 4504 History of Mathematics Spring 3 credits

Catalog Description:

Development of mathematics from primitive origins to present forms. Topics include: development of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, and calculus.

Prerequisite:

C- or better in 3345, 4507, or 5520H; or credit for 568, 571, 507, 580, or 520H; or permission of department.

Exclusions:

Open only to math majors, or students with graduate standing in Ed T&L. Not open to students with credit for 504.

Text:

Journey through Genius, by William Dunham, published by Wiley, ISBN: 0471500305, and *Ximera History of Mathematics* (Free online access through Carmen)

Topics List:

- 1. Development of arithmetic; Babylonian tablets and Egyptian papyri.
- 2. Development of geometry: Pythagoras, Thales, Euclid, Archimedes, and non-Euclidean geometry.
- 3. Development of algebra: Arabic scholars, Fibonacci, Cardano.
- 4. Development of calculus: Newton, Leibniz, Bernoulli, Euler, Gauss.
- 5. Beyond calculus: Cantor, others by choice of instructor or students.