Math 1125

Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I

Course information is also posted on Carmen.

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To contact either professor, find them on the Mathematics Department webpage.

Texts

- Student Packet (posted on Carmen – please print out each activity page as needed for use in class)

Note: Used texts are not recommended for this class. The same texts will be used for Math 1126 so the expense covers both classes.

Course Description and Expectations

This is the first course in a two-semester sequence. Math 1125 focuses on concepts of number systems and operations, number theory, and some work with expressions, equations, sequences, and series.

The goal of this course is to prepare you to become teachers of elementary and middle school students. Knowing the mathematics for yourself is not the same as knowing the math for teaching. To that end, we emphasize explanations of mathematical ideas. To make this point very clear: Full credit will NOT be given for correct mathematical answers without an explanation that is clear and complete.

Attendance and participation 5 days a week is critical to your success in this class. Each class (lecture and recitation) will consist of doing an activity in a small group and discussing it with the whole class. You are expected to participate actively in all phases, so please bring the Activities Manual pages to every class. Explaining your thinking verbally in small and large groups will prepare you to explain mathematics to your students. It will also help you clarify your own ideas and/or questions.

Reading is crucial because we do not teach using the traditional lecture format. Reading assignments are designed to provide the explanation and summary of material that are not provided in class. You are expected to complete all reading assignments. You will find the Practice Problems and their solutions particularly helpful.
MOST IMPORTANTLY, the activities and assignments we complete as part of this course, both inside and outside of class time, are designed to help you achieve the following goals. Your grade for the course should also reflect your personal progress towards these goals.

1. Persevere in solving mathematical problems using problem-solving strategies, including the “explore, conjecture, justify” model.
2. Make connections and comparisons between different subjects to deepen understanding and help with solving problems.
3. Develop the meaning of mathematical definitions, formulas, and algorithms.
4. Use correct and precise mathematical language.
5. Evaluate spoken and written mathematical work to improve correctness and clarity.

These goals will not only aid you in being a better student of mathematics, they will also help you as future teachers. Our aim is for the things you learn in this course to not only be useful in your future classrooms, but outside of them as well.

**IMPORTANT DATES (also listed on the calendar posted on Carmen)**

Fri., Sept. 11 – Quiz 1  
Fri., Sept. 18 – Quiz 2  
Fri., Sept. 25 – Quiz 3  
Thurs., Oct. 1 – Midterm 1, from 7:40 – 8:40PM, in MP 1000.  
Fri., Oct. 9 – Quiz 4  
Fri., Oct. 23 – Quiz 5  
Thurs., Nov. 5 – Midterm 2 – from 7:40 – 8:40PM, in MP 1000.  
Fri., Nov. 13 – Quiz 6  
Fri., Nov. 20 – Quiz 7  
Thurs., Dec. 14 – FINAL Exam, from 8 – 9:45PM, in TBD.  
**Homework will be due on Tuesdays.**

**Exams**  
This course will have TWO midterms (one hour each) and a final exam (one hour, 45 minutes). These will be weighted equally. The midterms are common exams held in the evenings to give you maximum time and quiet.

If you have a university-sanctioned conflict with an exam, be sure to alert your lecturer. All makeups require written documentation of the conflict (e.g., illness, religious holiday, another university commitment). For family emergencies, speak with your lecturer.

**Homework**  
There will be weekly homework assignments. Homework assignments will receive a score out of 15 points: you will receive 5 points for completing all of the problems (less if you do not) and ONE randomly selected problem will be graded on the 10-point scale.
following this paragraph. The graded problem will be assessed on both the quality of
your explanation and the correctness of your solution.

**Grading Rubric**

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<td>Excellent</td>
<td>Correct mathematics that is carefully thought out and thoroughly explained.</td>
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<td>Good</td>
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<td>Basic</td>
<td>Correct mathematics but little or no explanation OR largely correct mathematics with an emerging explanation that shows understanding.</td>
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<td>Emerging</td>
<td>Work that has some merit but also has significant shortcomings in the mathematics and/or explanation.</td>
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<td>Work that shows some <em>relevant</em> effort but is seriously flawed.</td>
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Occasionally, a score will be given that is not on the rubric (e.g., a “1” or a “7”). This indicates that your work is between two scores.

*Homework Revision Policy:*
Any graded homework problem earning less than an “8” may be revised and resubmitted according to the following requirements:

- Resubmit the original homework assignment with your TA’s comments.
- Submit a complete revision of the problem solution.
- Return the revision to your TA no later than 1 week after the graded papers have been returned.
- You may earn up to half the missed points. These will be added to the original score for your final score.

*Quizzes*

This course will have 7 in-class quizzes. See calendar for dates. Each 20 minute quiz will cover material taken from the activities completed since the previous quiz in lecture and in recitation. Quizzes will be graded according to the same 10-point rubric applied to the homework problem. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped allowing you to miss a Friday class without excuse and without penalty. *Makeup Policy:* If you have an excused absence (e.g., illness with doctor’s note, religious holiday, documented university conflict), a makeup quiz will be permitted. In most cases, written documentation will be required for a makeup. For other emergencies, speak to your lecturer.
Overall Grading Scheme
Participation in Class: 5%
Homework: 20%
Quizzes: 15%
Exams (3 at 20% each): 60%

Side Note:
As part of our ongoing efforts to refine this course and the program, you will be asked to take pretest and posttest versions of on-line assessments of "mathematical knowledge for teaching." You will receive attendance/participation points for completing these assessments, but your scores on these assessments will have no influence on your course grade. Furthermore, you may choose whether to participate in the research involving these assessments, and that choice will have no influence on your course grade.

Semester Grades
These will be determined roughly according to the standard OSU scheme:

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***You are encouraged to work with other students and with tutors in the Tutor Room; however, you must submit your own individual written work.
***You may use the Internet as an additional resource, HOWEVER, any use of examples or text taken from any Internet website must be cited as with any other outside materials.

GEC Information
This Mathematics course can be used, depending on your degree program, to satisfy the Quantitative and Logical Skills category of the General Education Requirement (GEC). The goals and learning objectives for this category are:
Goals: Courses in quantitative and logical skills develop logical reasoning, including the ability to identify valid arguments, use mathematical models and draw conclusions based on quantitative data.
Learning objectives: Students comprehend mathematical concepts and methods adequate to construct valid arguments and understand inductive and deductive reasoning, scientific inference and general problem solving.
**Disability Statement**
Students with disabilities that have been certified by the Office for Disability Services will be appropriately accommodated, and should inform the instructor as soon as possible of their needs. The Office for Disability Services is located in 150 Pomerene Hall, 1760 Neil Avenue; telephone 292-3307, TDD 292-0901; [http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/](http://www.ods.ohio-state.edu/).

**Academic Misconduct Statement.**
It is the responsibility of the Committee on Academic Misconduct to investigate or establish procedures for the investigation of all reported cases of student academic misconduct. The term “academic misconduct” includes all forms of student academic misconduct wherever committed; illustrated by, but not limited to, cases of plagiarism and dishonest practices in connection with examinations. Instructors shall report all instances of alleged academic misconduct to the committee. For additional information, see the Code of Student Conduct ([http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp)).