

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND EDUCATION- DEPARTMENT OF ACADEMIC UPGRADING

COURSE OUTLINE – Winter 2026

MA0120 (A3): Mathematics Grade 20-1 Equivalent – 5 (6-0-0) HS

90 Hours for 15 Weeks

Northwestern Polytechnic acknowledges that our campuses are located on Treaty 8 territory, the ancestral and present-day home to many diverse First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people. We are grateful to work, live and learn on the traditional territory of Duncan's First Nation, Horse Lake First Nation and Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation, who are the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge the history of this land and we are thankful for the opportunity to walk together in friendship, where we will encourage and promote positive change for present and future generations.

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CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course explores sequences and series, radical expressions and equations, quadratic equations and functions, linear and quadratic inequalities, linear-quadratic and quadratic-quadratic systems of equations, rational expressions and equations, absolute value functions, reciprocal functions, and trigonometry including the sine and cosine laws.

PREREQUISITE(S):

Complete 1 of the following:

- MA0110 – Mathematics Grade 10-C Equivalent (5)
- Equivalent math placement test score

Note: You may register in MA0120 if you achieved a mark of 60 percent or better in Alberta Education Math 10-C, or equivalent, within the previous two years.

COREQUISITE(S): NA



REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- Pre-Calculus 11 Work Text (Pearson)
- NON-GRAPHING scientific calculator, if you are purchasing, a TI-30X IIS is recommended.
- graph paper (with you in class at all times)
- Computer/Internet Access for MyClass and additional material (e.g. Desmos Graphing Calculator)

DELIVERY MODE(S):

- **On-campus (attend on-campus, in-person)** – This type of course will be delivered on campus in a specific location which will be indicated on the student timetable. Students are expected to fully attend in person.
- Use of D2L is required

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After completing MA0120, students will be able to:

1. Sequences and Series
 - Analyze arithmetic sequences and series to solve problems.
 - Analyze geometric sequences and series to solve problems.
2. Radical Expressions and Equations
 - Solve problems that involve operations on radicals and radical expressions with numerical and variable radicands.
 - Solve problems that involve radical equations (limited to square roots).
3. Solving Quadratic Equations
 - Factor polynomial expressions in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$, $a^2x^2 - b^2y^2$, $a(f(x))^2 + b(f(x)) + c$, and $a^2(f(x))^2 - b^2(g(y))^2$.
 - Solve problems that involve quadratic equations using factoring, the method of square roots, completing the square, and the quadratic formula.
4. Analyzing Quadratic Functions
 - Analyze quadratic functions of the form $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$ and determine the vertex, domain and range, direction of opening, axis of symmetry, and x - and y - intercepts.
 - Complete the square to change functions from the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ to the form $y = a(x - p)^2 + q$.



5. Graphing Inequalities and Systems of Equations

- Solve problems that involve quadratic inequalities in one variable.
- Solve problems that involve linear and quadratic inequalities in two variables.
- Solve, algebraically and graphically, problems that involve systems of linear-quadratic and quadratic-quadratic equations in two variables.

6. Trigonometry

- Demonstrate an understanding of angles in standard position $[0^\circ \text{ to } 360^\circ]$.
- Solve problems, using the three primary trigonometric ratios, for angles from 0° to 360° in standard position.
- Solve problems, using the cosine law and the sine law, including the ambiguous case.

7. Rational Expressions and Equations

- Determine equivalent forms of rational expressions.
- Perform operations on rational expressions.
- Solve problems that involve rational equations.

8. Absolute Value and Reciprocal Functions

- Demonstrate an understanding of the absolute value of real numbers.
- Graph and analyze absolute value functions (limited to linear and quadratic functions) to solve problems. Graph and analyze reciprocal functions (limited to the reciprocal of linear and quadratic functions).

TRANSFERABILITY:

Please consult the Alberta Transfer Guide for more information. You may check the transferability of this course at the Alberta Transfer Guide main page <http://www.transferalberta.alberta.ca>.

**** For courses with alpha (letter) grading, a grade of D or D+ may not be acceptable for transfer to other post-secondary institutions. Students are cautioned that it is their responsibility to contact the receiving institutions to ensure transferability.**

EVALUATIONS:

Assignments	8%
Unit Tests	32%
Midterm	25%
Final Exam (cumulative)	35%

GRADING CRITERIA :

Please note that most institutions will not accept your course for transfer credit IF your grade is less than C-.

Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines		Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines
A+	4.0	95-100		C+	2.3	67-69
A	4.0	85-94		C	2.0	63-66
A-	3.7	80-84		C-	1.7	60-62
B+	3.3	77-79		D+	1.3	55-59
B	3.0	73-76		D	1.0	50-54
B-	2.7	70-72		F	0.0	00-49

COURSE SCHEDULE/TENTATIVE TIMELINE:

MA0120 consists of 8 units (approx 1.5 weeks each)

1. Sequences and Series
2. Radical Expressions and Equations
3. Quadratic Equations
4. Quadratic Functions
5. Inequalities and Systems of equations
6. Trigonometry
7. Rational Expressions and Equations
8. Absolute value and Reciprocals functions

Exam dates to be announced in class.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

In addition to the Student Rights and Responsibilities as set out in the Northwestern Polytechnic website (<https://www.nwpolytech.ca/leadership/policies/display?ID=69>), the following guidelines will maintain an effective learning environment for everyone:

- Attendance: Regular attendance and class participation is expected of all students and is crucial to good performance in the course. Class interruption due to habitual late arrival or leaving early will not be permitted. You may be debarred from the final exam if your absences exceed 15% of class days.
- Check myClass as well as NWP email on a regular basis.
- Assignments must be submitted on time.
- Exams must be written on the days announced in class.
 - If an emergency prevents attendance on an exam day, students must contact me as soon as possible via phone or email, and may be asked to provide documentation to justify their absence.
- No unspecified electronic devices will be permitted during exams.
- Complete daily homework. At least 1 hour of study per day outside of class time is required.
- Behaviors that interfere with learning are not acceptable.
- Communicate all requests regarding appointments, etc. via email.
- Take responsibility for your learning.

STATEMENT ON ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT:

Academic Misconduct will not be tolerated. For a more precise definition of academic misconduct and its consequences, refer to the Student Rights and Responsibilities policy available <https://www.nwpolytech.ca/about/polytechnic-leadership/policies-directory>.

****Note:** all Academic and Administrative policies are available on the same page.