



DEPARTMENT OF ACADEMIC UPGRADING

COURSE OUTLINE – FALL 2010

INTRODUCTION TO MATH 0080

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday & Thursday 5:30-6:00 pm in the Math Lab A210

PREREQUISITE(S)/COREQUISITE:

MA0060 or equivalent math placement test score

REQUIRED TEXT/RESOURCE MATERIALS:

Package of MA0080 modules, 2005

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:

This course is an individualized program of study which covers whole numbers, decimals, fractions, metric measurement, ratio, proportion, introductory geometry, introductory statistics, and problem solving.

CREDIT/CONTACT HOURS:

MA 0080 Basic Mathematics II 5 (5-0-0)

Time: 75 Hours

DELIVERY MODE:

MA0080 is a modularized math course divided into 8 separate units called modules. The instructions for each topic are given in the modules, followed by several examples and exercises. Study the instructions and work through the examples before starting each exercise. The answers for each exercise are given at the end of the module. Check your work often to make sure you understand each new topic.

The key to success in working with modules is to ask questions whenever you have difficulty understanding the instructions, the examples, or the exercises. **Do not hesitate to ask for help.**

After each module you must write a test. When writing a test, be sure to show all of your work on the test paper. Marks are given for method as well as final answer. A passing mark of 60% is required on the test before continuing on to the next module. If you are unable to attain this mark, you must review the material and rewrite the test. The first and second test marks will be averaged.

A 50-minute midterm, which will cover the first four modules, must be written by **Thursday, October 21. If you miss this date, you will receive a mark of 0% on your midterm.** Upon completion of all the course modules, you will write a three hour final exam. Be sure to leave time to prepare for these important exams! They are worth a large percentage of your final grade.

The recommended test date for each module and the midterm is on the back of the next page. Follow these dates as closely as you can. You are encouraged to write a test early if you are prepared. **Consult your instructor immediately if you find yourself falling behind schedule.** Your instructor may need to reassess your math skills to ensure that you are placed in a course where you can be successful. All tests must be written by **Tuesday, December 7.**

Bonus

When you write your module tests on or before the given date, you will be awarded an additional 2% on your score for each test.

SUCCESS STANDARD:

Although 50% is considered a pass for this course, if you wish to be successful at the next level, we strongly recommend that you achieve a mark of 60% or better.

GRADING CRITERIA:

Your final mark is determined by:

8 module tests	48%
Midterm	17%
Final Exam	35%

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GRADING CONVERSION CHART			
Alpha Grade	4-point Equivalent	Percentage Guidelines	Designation
A⁺	4.0	90 – 100	EXCELLENT
A	4.0	85 – 89	
A⁻	3.7	80 – 84	FIRST CLASS STANDING
B⁺	3.3	77 – 79	
B	3.0	73 – 76	GOOD
B⁻	2.7	70 – 72	
C⁺	2.3	67 – 69	SATISFACTORY
C	2.0	63 – 66	
C⁻	1.7	60 – 62	
D⁺	1.3	55 – 59	MINIMAL PASS
D	1.0	50 – 54	
F	0.0	0 – 49	FAIL
WF	0.0	0	FAIL, withdrawal after the deadline

Objectives / Tests / Exams

Module	DESCRIPTION	Recommended Time & Test Date	Date written	Your mark
1	Whole Numbers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reading and writing, rounding - four basic operations, order of operations - exponents, square roots and word problems 	3 days September 9 Thursday		
2	Decimals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reading, writing and rounding - four basic operations, order of operations 	3 days September 21 Tuesday		
3	Introduction to Fractions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - proper, improper, mixed fractions - equivalent fractions - reducing fractions 	3 days September 30 Thursday		
4	Operations with Fractions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - four basic operations, complex fractions - word problems 	4 days October 14 Thursday		
	Midterm – must be written on or before	Thursday October 21		
5	Measurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - linear measurement, mass and volume - converting within metric system - time and temperature 	3 days November 2 Tuesday		
6	Geometry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - perimeter, area and volume 	2 days November 9 Tuesday		
7	Ratio and Proportion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - simplifying and reducing ratios - rates and proportions - similar figures 	4 days November 25 Thursday		
8	Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - measures of central tendency - GPA, tables - Bar, line, and circle graphs, pictographs 	2 days December 2 Thursday		
	Final Exam	To be announced (Dec. 9-18)		

Homework Schedule MA0080

	Tuesday	Thursday
September		2 Module 1 Ex. 1-6
	7 Modules 1 Ex. 7-10	9 Module 1 Review Test 1
	14 Module 2 Ex. 1-3	16 Module 2 Ex. 4-6
	21 Module 2 Review Test 2	23 Module 3 Ex. 1-6
	28 Module 3 Ex. 7-10	30 Module 3 Test 3
October	5 Module 4 Ex. 1-3	7 Module 4 Ex. 4-3
	12 Module 4 Ex. 7-10	14 Module 4 Review Test 4
	19 Midterm Review	21 Midterm
	26 Module 5 Ex. 1-4	28 Module 5 Ex. 5-8, Review
November	2 Test 5 Module 6 Ex. 1-5	4 Module 6 Ex. 6-11
	9 Module 6 Review Test 6 Module 7 Ex. 1-3	11 Remembrance day No classes
	16 Module 7 Ex. 1-3	18 Module 7 Ex. 4-7
	23 Module 7 Ex. 8-11	25 Module 7 Review Test 7
	30 Module 8 Ex. 1-5	
December		2 Module 8 Review Test 8
	7 Final Review	

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

In addition to the *Student Rights and Responsibilities* as set out in the **College Calendar** (pages 47-50), the following guidelines will maintain an effective learning environment for everyone:

1. Regular attendance is expected of all students in all mathematics courses. Your success in math is directly linked to your attendance. Attendance will be taken daily.
2. Students are expected to be punctual. Arrive on time for classes and remain for the duration of scheduled classes.
3. Refrain from disruptive talking or socializing during class time.
4. Be respectful of others regarding food or beverages in the classroom. Clean up your eating area and dispose of garbage.
5. Recycle paper, bottles and cans in the appropriate containers.
6. Children are not permitted in the classrooms.
7. Students are expected to notify the instructor of any extenuating circumstances.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

Students are expected to turn off cell phones during class time or in labs. No unspecified electronic devices will be allowed in exams.

STATEMENT OF PLAGIARISM:

Please refer to pages 48-49 of the College Calendar regarding plagiarism, cheating, and the resultant penalties. These are serious issues and will be dealt with severely.