

Course: Math 232 - Number & Algebra for Teachers.

Catalog Description: I, II, S. 3 Hr. PR: MATH 126 with a "C" or better. (For pre-service elementary education majors only.) Use of properties of real numbers and algebra to illuminate conceptual understanding and enhance problem solving techniques. The use of technology and manipulatives is infused throughout the course.

Semester: Fall 2012

Course Format: 2 hr Lecture. 1 hr Laboratory . 3 hr Credit

Prerequisites: Math 126 (College Algebra with a C or better)

Location: Room 422 Armstrong Hall (Lecture and Laboratory)

Course Objectives: The objectives of this course are to improve the understanding of basic concepts and skills in the topic areas of number and algebra and to analyze elementary and middle school number and algebra topics from an advanced perspective. Computer laboratory explorations, experiments, and detailed problem-solving sessions will supplement the materials covered in the lecture part of the course.

Expected Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course:

1. Students will be able to use algebra, Venn Diagrams, logic, properties of numbers and problem solving strategies to solve authentic problems.
2. Students will be able to compare the concepts in set theory to the concepts of logic.
3. Students will be able to use concepts illuminated by concrete models to explain why properties of numbers and algebra make sense.
4. Students will be able to compare and contrast various numeration systems and use them to express whole numbers (and vice versa).
5. Students will be able to describe how working in other numeration systems provides a deeper understanding of place value in the base 10 system.
6. Students will be able to describe the concept of function and use the domain, range, and various representations and properties of functions to solve problems.
7. Students will be able to represent operations on numbers and variables (add, subtract, multiply, divide, exponentiation) using various models and strategies and explain how the model/strategy may develop conceptual understanding.
8. Students will be able to compare and contrast fractions, decimals and ratios.
9. Students will be able to perform operations on functions using various models, properties and strategies and explain how the model/strategy may develop conceptual understanding
10. Students will be able to use and know when to apply properties of numbers such as closure, commutative, associative, identity, cancellation, and distributive properties.
11. Students will be able to develop formal and informal proofs and arguments using deductive and inductive reasoning.

Equipment Needed:

Although students may not be allowed to use calculators for some assignments and tests, students are expected to have a calculator (a graphing calculator is not required) at each class meeting, lab and testing session. Cell phone calculators are not permitted, nor may calculators be shared.

Required Text:

Mathematics for Elementary Teachers: A Contemporary Approach Ninth Edition

Publisher: Wiley

ISBN: 13-978-0470-53134-1

Accompanying Activity Manual

Laboratory Manual (Pyzdrowski)

Grading: 3 Exams 37.5 % (300/800 points)

Group Assignments (in and out of class): 12.5 % (100/800 points)

Laboratories: 12.5 % (100/800 points)

Reflection Paper(s) and Individual Assignments: 12.5% (100/800 points)

Final Exam: 25 % (200/800 points)

Total: 100 % (800 points)

Grade Assignment: 100 – 90 A

89 – 80 B

79 – 70 C

69 – 60 D

59 – 0 F

Grading Policy:

- There are no make-up exams except by prior arrangement with instructor.
- Late assignments will only be accepted at the next class meeting with a 10% penalty.
- Missed in-class laboratories will be made up the last day of class. Students must be present in the laboratory to earn credit for doing the in-class laboratory assignments.
- Exam grading appeals must be submitted in writing on the day the exam is returned.
- For any grading issues not resolved by the student and instructor, a Math 232 Committee form should be filled out within two week of the issue's occurrence and no later than the first day of finals. The form should be turned in to the course instructor.

Assignments: Assignments will typically be given once or twice weekly. Some assignments are completed in a group and some are completed individually. All group and individual assignments are weighted equally. The total worth of group assignments, individual assignments and the reflection paper(s) is 25%.

Reflection Paper(s)/Course Project: Students will receive a class handout describing the content expectations for this assignment as well as the parameters used for its assessment.

Attendance Policy: Consistent with WVU guidelines, students absent from regularly scheduled examinations because of authorized University activities will have the opportunity to take them at an alternate time. Make-up exams for absences due to any other reason will be at the discretion of the instructor. Missed in- class assignments may not be made-up.

Cell Phone and Texting Policy: The use of cell phones and texting during class is disruptive to the class and interferes with your ability to focus on learning. For this reason, cell phone use and texting is prohibited during class and lab time. For a first occurrence of this activity, you will be asked to leave and may not return until the next class meeting. A second occurrence during the semester, implies a meeting with both the instructor and the course coordinator before you are permitted to return to the class and a letter regarding the matter will be sent to the College of Human Resources and Education.

Social Justice Statement : “West Virginia is committed to social justice. I concur with that commitment and expect to maintain a positive learning environment based upon open communication, mutual respect, and nondiscrimination. Our University does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, disability, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, color or national origin. Any suggestions as to how to further such a positive and open environment in this class will be appreciated and given serious consideration. If you are a person with a disability and anticipate needing any type of accommodation in order to participate in this class. Please advise me and make appropriate arrangement with Disability Services (293-6700).”

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