

## **MATH 164 Foundations of Arithmetic**

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*Daily, 1-1:50 pm, Hertz 120*

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### **Course Information...**

**Textbook**—The required text for this course is *A Problem Solving Approach to Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers* (10<sup>th</sup> Edition) by Billstein, Libeskind, & Lott.

**Course Description**—Structure of the real number system. Properties of and operations on integers, rationals, decimal representation, percentages, proportion, graphing and elementary problem solving. Recommended for the prospective elementary school teacher.

**Course Goals**—This course is intended to acquaint future elementary school teachers with the math content and processes recommended by both the Washington State Academic Learning Requirements and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) *Principles and Standards*. Students will be able to solve problems in a variety of ways and communicate their reasoning mathematically.

**Course Conduct**—It is expected that you will attend class daily. Learning the skills and concepts required to be successful in this class won't happen without regular effort on the part of the student. You are responsible for any material covered in class in addition to the material in the textbook. It is your responsibility to stay informed—if you miss class, ask your fellow students for notes, check the website for course details, and/or talk to me. Cell phones should be turned off during class (unless you'd like to favor us with a song) and electronic music devices should not be used. It is also expected that your presence will contribute to and never distract from the learning of others in the class.

### **Grading...**

You may expect homework on a daily basis. These problems are intended to give you practice using the skills and concepts you've learned in class. Though I will not grade this work, it will prepare you for other assignments. Try the problems and ask questions.

### **Writing Assignments**

**15%**

There will be regular writing assignments throughout the quarter that require you to put your understanding of concepts/procedures into words. Due dates and more detailed criteria will be given as the term progresses.

### **Project**

**10%**

You will present a project during the last week of the quarter covering a topic we've studied in class. The purpose of this project is to allow you to explore a topic of interest further and show your depth of understanding. Due dates and more detailed criteria will be given as the term progresses.

## Quizzes

15%

You can expect a quiz on most Fridays. Other quizzes may be given at random to encourage attendance and participation. The intent of the quizzes is to motivate you to stay involved in the class, provide more frequent feedback on your progress with the material covered, and prepare you for the exams. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped.

## Midterm/Final Exam

60%

Each exam is comprehensive and will be similar in format to the quizzes. You must be present on exam days—make-up exams will only be given when sufficiently warranted (and entirely at the discretion of the instructor).

Your grade in this class will be determined on the following scale:

93-100%	A	87-89%	B +	77-79%	C +	67-69%	D +	Below 60%	F
90-92%	A -	83-86%	B	73-76%	C	63-66%	D		
		80-82%	B -	70-72%	C -	60-62%	D -		

## Important Dates

- Uncontested Withdrawal Deadline, November 6
- Veterans' Day Holiday, November 11 (NO CLASS)
- Thanksgiving Recess, November 25-27 (NO CLASS)
- Final Exam, Thursday, December 10 @ 12 pm

## Policy for Late Work

As a general rule, I do not accept late work. If there are extenuating circumstances, please let me know and I will consider the merit of your plea. Due dates will be announced in advance so any foreseeable problems should be brought to my attention **before** the assignment is due.

If you have a severe respiratory or influenza-like illness (ILI) (high fever, aches, chills, cough) you should not come to class until you are without fever for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication. If your absences are related to a severe respiratory or flu-like illness, you will be given the opportunity to make up your assignments and class content without penalty. It is YOUR responsibility to notify your instructor, **in advance**, when absent due to H1N1. Faculty is under no obligation to excuse class absences **related to sickness**. If you are pregnant, work with your instructor to prevent exposure to H1N1. You should utilize the following precautions to prevent H1N1 exposure: 1) Frequent hand washing and carry a bottle of alcohol-based hand sanitizer with you at all times. 2) Cough etiquette (grab your shoulder and cough into your elbow). 3) Place used tissues immediately in the trash, followed by washing your hands. 4) Use CDC-approved disinfectants on shared surfaces such as doorknobs, desks, etc. 5) **Stay home if you have a severe respiratory or flu-like illness**. If you are concerned you may have H1N1, notify student health.

Plan for potential absences. **Regardless of your H1N1 flu status, you MUST complete the requirements of the course to receive a passing grade.**

## Please Note

Math is not a spectator sport. Watching me or classmates solve problems is not a substitute for making the effort to participate in class and complete homework assignments.

I make every effort to ensure a positive learning environment for each student but it is your responsibility to take action if you are struggling in this class. We have a drop-in lab on campus which provides free assistance if you need extra help with concepts or assignments. I welcome questions and feedback from students and am willing to make accommodations where appropriate. If the situation warrants, you are also encouraged to speak to the chair of the math department, Aaron Montgomery. Be proactive.

If you have any requests to allow for special needs, let me know within the first 5 days of class. Students who have "Confirmation of Eligibility for Academic Adjustments" from the Disability Support Services Office and wish to have adjustments in this course should provide me with a copy of the form and discuss their needs with me. Students with disabilities without this form may contact the Disability Support Services Office, Bouillon 205, [dssrecept@cwu.edu](mailto:dssrecept@cwu.edu), or 963-2171.