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Math 101

Math in the Modern World

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Number of credits: 5

Note: Textbook is optional. However, I will be using information from Using and understanding mathematics: A quantitative reasoning approach, Bennett, Pearson, 2015 (6th Edition).

Additional optional materials: Graphing Calculator (TI-83/84 preferred), Desmos graphing application, pencils, erasers, lined paper or graph paper, notebook, and large eraser.

Course Description: Selected topics from the historical development and applications of mathematics together with their relationship to the development of our present society, designed to advance critical thinking and quantitative reasoning.

Prerequisites: Students must achieve an appropriate test score or complete the required prerequisite course/s with a C or higher.

Math Mission Statement: In support of liberal education, scientific careers, teacher preparation, and actuarial science, the mathematics department prepares students for quantitative and symbolic reasoning and advanced mathematical skills through general education, service, major, and graduate programs.

Attendance: Although this course is online, I do expect regular participation with discussion groups and periodic check-ins. You have until **11:59 p.m., April 14th, 2020**, to be eligible for a refund. If you have to be absent for some emergency, be sure to contact me at the earliest possible time.

Grade: Grades will be assigned using 90% - 100% = A 80% - 90% = B 70% - 80% = C 60% - 70% = D; + and - grades apply if your score is within 2%.

Homework: Homework will be assigned primarily through MyOpenMath, Desmos, and via canvas.

MyOpenMath: The majority of work will be done in MyOpenMath which has recorded lectures, articles, and assignments. The assignments are typically very short (5 - 15 minutes) and can be done multiple times. If you are having difficulty with a problem you can watch a video provided. Since MyOpenMath is linked to Canvas, you will be able to access all assignments from within Canvas.

Desmos is an app and website where you can graph functions, plot data, evaluate equations, explore transformations, and much more—all for free. Each of the desmos activities will have a class code that you will need to enter from student.desmos.com. I will have a link to each activity throughout the term.

Canvas: Periodically I will give assignments found in Canvas that will be submitted into Canvas.

Late work: You can submit work after the due date with instructor approval and a penalty between 20% - 50% penalty and an additional 5% per day. Exceptions are given pending only with instructor approval.

Homework advice: Success in math goes hand-in-hand with completing the homework assignments. When doing your homework, feel free to ask for help. The Math tutor center is an excellent resource that is available to all CWU students. You can access math tutoring at <https://www.cwu.edu/academic-success/schedule-appointment>. Khan Academy is an excellent resource. The homework is assigned to provide you with enough practice to retain the ideas and techniques you're learning. Doing homework daily gives you the advantage of taking in smaller amounts of information at a time and getting help early when you need it. This is the class to begin to develop good study habits. If you need help outside of the classroom there are several options available to you: get a second opinion from a classmate, an assistant in the Math tutor center, or from me via canvas or e-mail.

Projects, Quizzes and Exams: There will be several assessments given throughout this course. All will have no make-ups, if you know you will not be able to attempt/complete an exam, it is your responsibility to arrange to take the exam before it is given. The lowest quiz will be dropped from your overall grade.

Discussions/Regular check in: I encourage you to contribute to the discussion boards in Canvas. This could be technical issues you are having with MyOpenMath/Desmos/Canvas or issues related to the content/course. Although virtual, I want us to be a community that supports each other. I do want academic honest to be maintained, but often mathematics can be challenging and how we address these challenges can have a meaningful impact. I will also require arranged regular check ins from you throughout the term.

Grading: Grades will be based on

Homework	3% each	Total: 30%
Exams/Projects	15% each	Total: 45%
Quizzes	15% (each equally weighted)	Total: 15%
Discussions/Regular check in		Total: 10%

Disability Resources Statement: Central Washington University is committed to creating a learning environment that meets the needs of its diverse student body. If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning, discuss your concerns with the instructor. Students with disabilities should contact Disability Services to discuss a range of options to removing barriers, including accommodations. Student Disability Services is located in Hogue 126. Call (509) 963-2214 or email ds@cwu.edu for more information.

Academic Honesty: Consult university policies (CWUP 5-90-040(22), CWUR 2-90-040(22), and WAC106-125-020) for student conduct, cheating, plagiarism, and other academic expectations. CWU's policies and recommendations for academic misconduct will be followed, leading to disciplinary action up to and including failing the course.