



COURSE SYLLABUS: Math 3381, 3 credit hours, Fall 2017 **FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS FOR ELEMENTARY TEACHERS (III)**

CLASSROOM AND SCHEDULE: Section 6 Monday/Wednesday 8:00 – 9:20 am, Lee Drain Building 403

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Other Times by Appointment

COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is the third in a series of courses designed to develop the necessary foundations in mathematics for prospective elementary teachers. Students are expected to practice communications skills and participate in hands-on activities, including the use of math manipulatives and technology. Topics will include National and Texas standards for teaching mathematics, problem solving, discrete mathematics, probability, and data analysis. Throughout the course, the four main themes recommended by the NCTM Principles and Standards (problem solving, reasoning, communication and connections) will be emphasized. Students will also participate in class discussions and group work during this course. Prerequisite: MTH 1385 with a grade of C or better. 3 semester hours.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

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Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate understanding of the four-step problem solving process.
- Set up and solve ratio, proportion, and percent problems.
- Solve mathematical problems using a variety of strategies and techniques, such as make a diagram, look for a pattern, eliminate possibilities, use logical reasoning, Venn diagrams, and guess and check.
- Solve interest and growth problems using recursion techniques.
- Use multiple representations including equations, tables, visual patterns, and graphs to describe linear functions.
- Develop understanding of rate of change as related to linear, quadratic and exponential functions.
- Solve probability problems involving simple and compound events, using a variety of mathematical manipulatives.
- Apply theoretical and experimental probability techniques while solving problems.
- Solve combinatorics problems, using a variety of counting techniques.
- Construct and interpret different types of graphs, including bar graphs, line graphs, pie charts, stem and leaf plots, box and whisker plots, and scatter plots.
- Understand the difference between correlation and causation.
- Calculate and apply measures of central tendency, such as mean, median, and mode.
- Calculate and apply measures of variation, such as range, interquartile range, and standard deviation.
- Use the normal distribution to solve problems related to education.

REQUIRED TEXT AND MATERIALS:

Sowder, J., Sowder, L., & Nickerson, S. (2014). (Second Edition) *Reconceptualizing mathematics for elementary school teachers*. New York, NY: W. H. Freeman.

This text is intended to be a consumable resource for students. You are encouraged to write in your text (space is provided in the margins of the text) and to keep your notes and work for use in future methods courses, as well as classroom teaching. The pages of the text are perforated and may be easily removed.

Supplemental materials will be provided by the instructor.

SUPPLIES: A scientific (statistics capabilities) or graphing calculator: Highly Recommended

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| COURSE EVALUATION: Each student's grade will be based on | |
| 3 Unit Tests (each 100 points) | 300 |
| Problem of the Week (each 10 points—best 5 of 7) | 50 |
| Homework Checks (each 5 points – best 10 of 12) | 50 |
| Online Quizzes (each 10 points – best 5 of 7) | 50 |
| Final Exam (Comprehensive) | <u>125</u> |
| Total Points | 575 |

GRADING SCALE:

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| A | 517 - 575 |
| B | 460 - 516 |
| C | 402 - 459 |
| D | 345 - 401 |
| F | below 345 |

PROBLEM OF THE WEEK (POW): Throughout the semester, various problems of the week will be assigned. You will be given one week to solve each assigned POW and to write up your solution process in detail. POWs will be collected 7 times during the semester and **worth 10 points each**. Your **best 5 of 7** will count toward your final point total. Because you will drop your lowest 2 scores, **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

HOMEWORK CHECKS: One of the indicators of the understanding of a concept is the ability "to state it in your own words". Communicating your understanding will be shown through your complete solutions to assigned homework problems and through in-class quizzes, written responses/reflections to readings, questions, situations, activities or other topics related to your study of mathematics. These responses will be collected **at least 12 times** over the course of the semester and be **worth 5 points each**. Your **best 10 of 12** will be counted toward your final point total. Homework checks will include in-class work as well as out-of-class assignments. Because you will drop your lowest 2 scores, **NO LATE WORK WILL BE ACCEPTED**.

ONLINE QUIZZES: As an additional check on completion of HW assignments, assigned textbook readings, and other learning assignments given, there will be 7 online quizzes posted on Blackboard for your completion. Each quiz will have between 5 and 10 questions for response and be **worth 10 points**. You will have several days to access the quiz and complete your answers and submit them for grading. Once the deadline for response is past, no further access is available for that quiz. Further details will be shared at the time of the first quiz being posted. Your **best 5 of 7** quiz scores will be counted toward your final point total.

CLASS PARTICIPATION AND ATTENDANCE: Regular and punctual attendance is expected of every student. As a prospective teacher, you must demonstrate your reliability and conscientious attitude by your faithful attendance. Attendance will be taken every class. Any student who is more than 30 minutes late to class will be counted absent. Tardies will count against your attendance record (3 tardies - 1 absence). Unless approved by the instructor, leaving class early will count as an absence. **If absent or tardy, you are still responsible for all material covered in class. If you have 3 or fewer absences, your final exam percentage grade can be substituted for your lowest unit test grade in figuring your final course grade.** **Note:** Some homework check grades will come from in-class work - if you are absent, you lose that opportunity.

In addition to attending class faithfully, students are expected to put forth their best effort in this class. If you do not participate appropriately in class discussions and activities, behave in a disrespectful manner, sleep in class, do other homework, have your cell phone turned on, talk when I am talking or when a classmate is talking, etcetera (**see the section Classroom Rules of Conduct below**), you are not demonstrating the professional attitude required to be a teacher. Not only are you missing instruction when talking, but you are also preventing the learning of those students sitting near you. For each class period during which you exhibit a lack of participation professionalism, you will counted as absent for the day. In some instances, you may be asked to leave class for the day.

TESTS: Tests will include problems that are similar to problems assigned and worked in class. A portion of each test will include multiple choice or short answer problems. Other portions of each test will include problems where students must show all of their work correctly, as well as arrive at the correct solution to the problem, or provide complete explanations for the problem or situation posed.

Tentative Test Dates: September 25, October 23, and November 20

If you are unable to take a test due to an Official University excused absence, arrangements for taking the test must be made in advance of the scheduled test date. If you miss a test due to an unforeseeable emergency situation, contact Dr. Swarthout as soon as possible but must be prior to the next class meeting for any possibility of taking a makeup test. If you miss a test and a makeup test is not possible, your final exam percentage grade will be used as a replacement.

Final Exam Date: Monday – December 4 – from 8:00 – 10:00 AM

CLASSROOM RULES OF CONDUCT

Students will refrain from behavior in the classroom that intentionally or unintentionally disrupts the learning process and, thus, impedes the mission of the university. **Cellular telephones and pagers must be turned off before class begins.** Students are prohibited from eating in class, using tobacco products, making offensive remarks, reading newspapers, sleeping, talking at inappropriate times, wearing inappropriate clothing, or engaging in any other form of distraction. Inappropriate behavior in the classroom shall result in a directive to leave class. Students who are especially disruptive also may be reported to the Dean of Students for disciplinary action in accordance with university policy.

Use of Telephones and Text Messagers in Academic Classrooms and Facilities: The use by students of electronic devices that perform the function of a telephone or text messenger during class-time may be prohibited if deemed disruptive by the instructor to the conduct of the class. Arrangements for handling potential emergency situations may be granted at the discretion of the instructor. Failure to comply with the instructor's policy could result in expulsion from the classroom or with multiple offenses, failure of the course. Any use of a telephone or text messenger or any device that performs these functions during a test period is prohibited. These devices should not be present during a test or should be stored securely in such a way that they cannot be seen or used by the student. Even the visible presence of such a device during the test period will result in a zero for that test. Use of these devices during a test is considered de facto evidence of cheating and could result in a charge of academic dishonesty (see student code of conduct <http://www.shsu.edu/students/guide/StudentGuidelines2010-2012.pdf#page=29>).

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

It is the policy of Sam Houston State University that individuals otherwise qualified shall not be excluded, solely by reason of their disability, from participation in any academic program of the university. Further, they shall not be denied the benefits of these programs nor shall they be subjected to discrimination. Students with disabilities that might affect their academic performance should register with the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities located in the Lee Drain Annex (telephone 936-294-3512, TDD 936-294-3786, and e-mail disability@shsu.edu). They should then make arrangements with their individual instructors so that appropriate strategies can be considered and helpful procedures can be developed to ensure that participation and achievement opportunities are not impaired.

SHSU adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. If you have a disability that may affect adversely your work in this class, then I encourage you to register with the SHSU Services for Students with Disabilities and to talk with me about how I can best help you. All disclosures of disabilities will be kept strictly confidential. **NOTE: No accommodation can be made until you register with the Services for Students with Disabilities.** For a complete listing of the university policy, see:

<http://www.shsu.edu/dept/academic-affairs/documents/aps/students/811006.pdf>

VISITORS IN THE CLASSROOM

Unannounced visitors to class must present a current, official SHSU identification card to be permitted in the classroom. They must not present a disruption to the class by their attendance. If the visitor is not a registered student, it is at the instructor's discretion whether or not the visitor will be allowed to remain in the classroom.

STUDENT ABSENCES ON RELIGIOUS HOLY DAYS POLICY

Section 51.911(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that an institution of higher education excuse a student from attending classes or other required activities, including examinations, for the observance of a religious holy day, including travel for that purpose. A student whose absence is excused under this subsection may not be penalized for that absence and shall be allowed to take an examination or complete an assignment from which the student is excused within a reasonable time after the absence.

University policy 861001 provides the procedures to be followed by the student and instructor. A student desiring to absent himself/herself from a scheduled class in order to observe (a) religious holy day(s) shall present to each instructor involved a written statement concerning the religious holy day(s). The instructor will provide the student with a written description of the deadline for the completion of missed assignments and/or tests.

Academic Dishonesty Policy

1. GENERAL

The subject of academic honesty is addressed in paragraph 5.3, Chapter VI, of the *Rules and Regulations*, Board of Regents, The Texas State University System, and Sam Houston State University *Student Guidelines* published by the Office of Student Life.

5.3 Academic Honesty. The University expects all students to engage in all academic pursuits in a manner that is above reproach. Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in the academic experiences both in and out of the classroom. Any student found guilty of dishonesty in any phase of academic work will be subject to disciplinary action.

5.31 The University and its official representatives, acting in accordance with Subsection 5.32 may initiate disciplinary proceedings against a student accused of any form of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, and the abuse of resource materials.

"**Cheating**" includes the following and similar actions:

- (1) Copying from another student's test paper, laboratory report, other report, or computer files, data listings, and/or programs.
- (2) Using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test.
- (3) Collaborating, without authorization, with another student during an examination or in preparing academic work.
- (4) Knowingly, and without authorization, using, buying, selling, stealing, transporting, soliciting, copying, or possessing, in whole or in part, the contents of an unadministered test.
- (5) Substituting for another student, permitting any other person, or otherwise assisting any other person to substitute for oneself or for another student in the taking of an examination or test or the preparation of academic work to be submitted for academic credit.
- (6) Bribing another person to obtain an unadministered test or information about an unadministered test.
- (7) Purchasing, or otherwise acquiring and submitting as one's own work any research paper or other writing assignment prepared by an individual or firm. This section does not apply to the typing of the rough and/or final versions of an assignment by a professional typist.

5.32 "Plagiarism" means the appropriation and the unacknowledged incorporation of another's work or idea into one's own work offered for credit.

5.33 "Collusion" means the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing work offered for credit.

5.34 "Abuse of resource materials" means the mutilation, destruction, concealment, theft or alteration of materials provided to assist students in the mastery of course materials.

5.35 "Academic work" means the preparation of an essay, dissertation, thesis, report, problem, assignment, or other project that the student submits as a course requirement or for a grade.

2. PROCEDURES IN CASES OF ALLEGED ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

2.01 Procedures for discipline due to academic dishonesty shall be the same as in disciplinary actions specified in The Texas State University System *Rules and Regulations* and Sam Houston State University *Student Guidelines* except that all academic dishonesty actions shall be first considered and reviewed by the faculty member teaching the class. The faculty member may impose failure or reduction of a grade in a test or the course, and/or performing additional academic work not required of other students in the course. If the faculty member believes that additional disciplinary action is necessary, as in the case of flagrant or repeated violations, the case may be referred to the Dean of Student Life or a designated appointee for further action. If the student involved does not accept the decision of the faculty member, the student may appeal to the chair of the appropriate academic department/school, seeking reversal of the faculty member's decision.

2.02 If the student does not accept the decision of the chair of the academic department/school, he/she may appeal to the appropriate academic dean. The chair of the academic department/school may also refer the case directly to the academic dean if the case so warrants.

