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MTH 152

MATHEMATICS FOR THE LIBERAL ARTS II

COURSE OUTLINE

Course Prerequisites:

MTE 1,2,3,4, and 5 or a placement recommendation for MTH 152

Course Description:

Presents topics in functions, combinatorics, probability, statistics, and algebraic systems.

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Course Outcomes

At the completion of this course, the student should be able to:

- 1. confide and believe in mathematical reasoning when the truth has been reached through undeniable demonstrations,**
- 2. appreciate of the evolution of mathematical ideas that define the subject,**
- 3. understand the foundations of mathematics which involve (i) the fundamental concepts of algebraic systems; (ii) the properties of modern geometry including Non-Euclidean Geometry; (iii) the algorithms of Combinatorics; and (iv) the mathematical theory of probability and statistics which provides for the interpretation of data to intelligently predict future events,**
- 4. independently inquire and research that which enhances mathematical knowledge, and**
- 5. appreciate the aesthetic nature of mathematics.**

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Required Materials:

Mathematical Ideas. Miller, Heeren, & Hornsby, 13th Edition, Pearson Publishing Company,
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Topical Description: (Outline chapters and sections to be covered in the book – may include timeline)

Note: Optional topics are denoted by an *.

The Basic Concepts of Algebra

- 7.1 Linear Equations**
- 7.2 Application of Linear Equations**
- 7.3 Ratio, Proportion, and Variation***
- 7.4 Linear Inequalities**
- 7.5 Properties of Exponents and Scientific Notation**
- 7.6 Polynomials and Factoring**
- 7.7 Quadratic Equations and Applications**

Extension: Complex Solutions of Quadratic Equations

Functions, Graphs, and Systems of Equations and Inequalities

- 8.1 The Rectangular Coordinate System and Circles**
- 8.2 Lines, Slopes, and Average Rate of Change**
- 8.3 Equations of Lines and Linear Models**
- 8.4 An Introduction to Functions: Linear Functions, Applications, and Models**
- 8.5 Quadratic Functions, Applications, and Models**
- Research Option*: Properties of Mathematical Systems, Theory of Groups**
- 8.6 Exponential and Logarithmic Functions, Applications, Models***
- 8.7 Systems of Equations***
- 8.8 Applications of Systems***
- 8.9 Linear Inequalities, Systems, and Linear Programming***

Geometry

- 9.1 Points, Lines, Planes, and Angles**
- 9.2 Curves, Polygons, and Circles**

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- 9.3 The Geometry of Triangles: Congruence*, Similarity*, and the Pythagorean Theorem.
- 9.4 Perimeter, Area, and Circumference*
- 9.5 Volume and Surface Area*
- 9.6 Transformational Geometry*
- 9.7 Non-Euclidean Geometry, Topology*, and Networks*
- 9.8 Chaos and Fractal Geometry*

Counting Methods

- 10.1 Counting by Systematic Listing
- 10.2 Using the Fundamental Counting Principle
- 10.3 Using Permutations and Combinations
- 10.4 Using Pascal's Triangle
The Binomial Theorem*
- 10.5 Counting Problems Involving with "Not" and "Or"

Probability

- 11.1 Basic Concepts
- 11.2 Events Involving "Not" and "Or"
- 11.3 Conditional Probability: Events Involving "And"
- 11.4 Binomial Probability*
- 11.5 Expected Value

Statistics

- 12.1 Visual Displays of Data
- 12.2 Measures of Central Tendency
- 12.3 Measures of Dispersion
- 12.4 Measures of Position
- 12.5 The Normal Distribution
- Extension: Regression and Correlation*

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Notes to Instructors

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