

University of North Texas at Dallas

Fall 2011

SYLLABUS

MATH 1350 (Mathematics for Elementary Teachers II) (3Hrs)	
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Division of	Liberal Arts and Life Sciences
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Classroom Location:	DAL2- 339
Class Meeting Times:	M, W: 11:30 am-12:50 pm
Course Catalog Description:	The purpose of this course is to extend your knowledge about the fundamental mathematical structures present in school Mathematics curriculum. To this end, we will cover Concepts of Concepts of sets, functions, numeration systems, different number bases, number theory, and properties of the natural numbers, integers, rational, and real number systems with an emphasis on problem solving and critical thinking. The structure of the course will be based on the CCRS and Texas standards.
Prerequisites:	MATH 1100 with a grade of C or better
Required Text:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Problem Solving Approach to Mathematics for Elementary Teachers</i> by Billstein, Libeskind, and Lott, 10th ed., 2010, Pearson Education, Inc. (Addison Wesley) • Class notes and all the handouts distributed by the instructor in this class are as important as the textbook. • MyMathLab access code; Course: Math 1350, Course ID: shaqlaih58154
Recommended Texts and References:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James W. Stigler and James Hiebert (1999). <i>The Teaching Gap</i>. New York; The Free Press. ISBN: 978-1-4391-4313-1. • Musser, G., Burger, W., & Peterson, B. <i>Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers: A Contemporary Approach</i>, 7th Ed. Wiley: N.Y. 2005 • National Council of Teacher of Mathematics web, http://nctm.org/
Access to Learning Resources:	UNT Dallas Library: phone: (972) 780-3625; web: http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/library.htm UNT Dallas Bookstore: phone: (972) 780-3652; e-mail: 1012mgr@fhcg.follett.com

Course Goals

The goal of this course is to:

- Become confident in your ability to do mathematics with understanding
- Explore Mathematics and become a persistent and successful mathematical problem solver
- Learn to reason, justify and communicate mathematically
- Think critically and creatively and learn to apply different system of analysis
- Realize that teaching mathematics is much more than just showing people how to manipulate formulas and solve problems.
- build new mathematical knowledge through problem solving;
- solve problems that arise in mathematics and in other contexts;
- apply and adapt a variety of appropriate strategies to solve problems; monitor and reflect on the process of mathematical problem solving.

Learning Objectives/Outcomes:

○ Course Objectives:

At the end of this course, the student will be able to:

- Be able to describe the meaning and importance of “problem solving” in elementary-school mathematics
- Demonstrate the ability to solve problems related to sets, whole numbers, and functions
- Demonstrate the ability to solve problems in number theory
- Use the concept of proportional reasoning in daily life applications
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○ General Education Learning Outcomes:

In this course, the student will:

- Explore mathematics
- Make connections between different areas of knowledge and different ways of knowing
- Be able to locate, evaluate and organize information including the use of information technologies.
- Think critically and creatively, learning to apply different systems of analysis.
- Develop problem solving skills that incorporate multiple viewpoints and differing contexts in their analysis.
- Cultivate intellectual curiosity and self-responsibility, building a foundation for life-long learning.

Course Outline

Priority will be given to understanding the material in depth rather than covering more topics. This schedule is subject to change by the instructor. Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class. We will try to cover as much as we can from the following topics as time permits.

Chapter #	TOPICS	TIMELINE
Chapter 1	An introduction to problem solving	Weeks of Aug. 29, Sep.5
Chapter 2	Numeration systems and Sets	Weeks of Sep.12,19
Chapter 3	Whole Numbers and their operations	Weeks of Sep.26, Oct.3
Chapter 4	Algebraic Thinking	Weeks of Oct. 10, 17
Chapter 5	Integers and Number Theory	Weeks of Oct. 24, Oct.31
Chapter 6	Rational Numbers	Weeks of Nov.7, 14
Chapter 7	Decimals and Real Numbers	Weeks of Nov. 21, 28
Chapter 8	Proportional Reasoning	Week of Dec. 5

Course Evaluation

This course will utilize the following instruments to determine student grades and proficiency of the learning outcomes for the course.

Exams – Written in-class closed-book tests to measure knowledge of presented course material.

Homework – Written assignments designed to supplement and reinforce course material.

Participation- Class participation to ensure effective and cooperative learning.

Presentations: Activities in Group settings to ensure cooperative learning

Quizzes – Weekly quizzes to help student keep with the material.

Grading Matrix:

Instrument	Value	Total
Homework Assignments, Online Quizzes	Different Assignments	150
In Class Quizzes	6 quizzes at 25 points each	150
Hour Exams	3 exams at 120 points each	360
Presentations and group work	Presentations, projects, activities	50
Attendance & Participation	Participation	50
Final Exam	One comprehensive exam	240
Total:		1000

Grade Determination:

The following standard grading scale will be used to determine your final letter grade:

A = 90% or better, B = 80 – 89 %, C = 70 – 79 %, D = 60 – 69 %, F = less than 60%.

Technology Use Policy:

Using technology, when appropriate, is encouraged. We will be using TI 84, Ti N-Spire Calculators and Mathematica in some topics as time permits. You **cannot** use the TI-89 Calculator or any other calculator, which performs symbolic operations.

Homework Policy:

Homework will be into two parts, one that is for practice that student doesn't need to turn in and another part that is to be handed in at the beginning of the class on the due date. Homework should be written in appropriate way and all work must be shown in details. The assigned homework problems are the minimum number of problems required to attain some level of mastery of the material and you should work more problems to achieve full mastery of the material. You should do all homework problems but only selected problems from each homework will be graded. Please be as neat as possible on the homework and try to keep the problems in order with space between them. Your homework should have your name and date clearly marked in the top right corner of the outside page (if there is more than one sheet of paper, please staple the sheets). Late homework will **NOT** be accepted.

Online Assignment Policy:

There will be different online quizzes or/and homework assignments that every student needs to complete on line using MyMathLab. Each student should buy an access code for MyMathLab to get access to these assignments. Students must purchase and register in MyMathLab (MML) **by the 2nd class**. MML is an online course delivery platform through which students access and complete assignments. Students may access MML at any general access lab on campus. Students not registered with MML may be administratively dropped with the possibility of no refund. More information about the due dates of the assignments will be announced in class.

In Class Quizzes policy:

There will be 10 in-class quizzes throughout the course. At the end of the semester, each student's best 6 quizzes will be added to get a 150 possible-point total. The quizzes will be given in the first 15 minutes of the class. There will be no make-ups for missed quizzes for any reason. The material that will be covered in the quizzes will be announced a head of time.

Exams Policy:

Exams should be taken as scheduled in the class time. All exams are closed book exams. No makeup examinations will be allowed except for documented emergencies (See Student Handbook). The material that will be covered in the exams will be announced in class and the final exam will be comprehensive.

Make-up exam policy:

All requests for make-up exams **MUST** be submitted to the instructor in writing, with the supported documents. It is imperative that you contact your instructor as soon as possible (do **NOT** wait until you return to class!) and include a way that you can be reached.

General Policies & Procedures:

- The first and most fundamental expectation I have for everyone in the class is to respect one another. Among other things, this means that only one person speaks at a time, **no one uses cell phones in class (including texting)**, no one works on anything not related to our class, and everyone will put forth an honest effort.
- It is the student's responsibility to stay abreast of all class announcements and changes made to this syllabus in class, whether present or not.
- Leaving and entering the class back multiple times is not allowed. You can leave the class if you are not returning or going to bathroom or for real emergency case. Leaving the class should be by the permission of the instructor.
- You are expected to review all graded quizzes and exam papers as soon as they are returned. All questions about the grading of quizzes, homework or exam papers must be reported within seven calendar days of the date on which the paper was returned.
- You are fully responsible for the material covered in class either from the text or not.
- Do the homework and extra problems steadily every day rather than once a week. Do not fall behind. To catch up, if class is missed, contact the instructor by e-mail.
- This class will be very active and I expect you to participate as much as possible. Don't be afraid to make mistakes or ask questions, the more you get involved, the better you'll do!
- This course requires you to learn a fair amount of new mathematical vocabulary. Understanding the vocabulary is essential for you to read questions correctly and express your thoughts, ideas and answers using the proper terminology.
- To do well in this course attend class every meeting on time, be prepared to work for the full class time, be organized, bring all necessary materials to class and follow teacher directions.
- If you need help, please ask for it. My door will always be open and you may feel free to e-mail me if you have questions outside of school time.
- Don't stress out about math! You have the abilities to do very well as long as you work hard.

Students with Disabilities (ADA Compliance):

The University of North Texas Dallas faculty is committed to complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students' with documented disabilities are responsible for informing faculty of their needs for reasonable accommodations and providing written authorized documentation. For more information, you may visit the Office of Disability Accommodation/Student Development Office, Suite 115 or call Laura Smith at 972-780-3632.

Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness Policy:

The Student Evaluation of Teaching Effectiveness (SETE) is a requirement for all organized classes at UNT. This short survey will be made available to you at the end of the semester, providing you a chance to comment on how this class is taught. I am very interested in the feedback I get from students, as I work to continually improve my teaching. I consider the SETE to be an important part of your participation in this class.

Academic Integrity:

Academic integrity is a hallmark of higher education. You are expected to abide by the University's code of Academic Integrity policy. Any person suspected of academic dishonesty (i.e., cheating or plagiarism) will be handled in accordance with the University's policies and procedures. Refer to the Student Code of Academic Integrity at http://www.unt.edu/unt-dallas/policies/Chapter%2007%20Student%20Affairs,%20Education,%20and%20Funding/7.002%20Code%20of%20Academic_Integrity.pdf for complete provisions of this code.

In addition, all academic work submitted for this class, including exams, papers, and written assignments should include the following statement:

On my honor, I have not given, nor received, nor witnessed any unauthorized assistance that violates the UNTD Academic Integrity Policy.

Bad Weather Policy:

On those days that present severe weather and driving conditions, a decision may be made to close the campus. In case of inclement weather, call UNT Dallas Campuses main voicemail number (972) 780-3600 or search postings on the campus website www.unt.edu/dallas. Students are encouraged to update their Eagle Alert contact information, so they will receive this information automatically.

Attendance and Participation Policy:

The University attendance policy is in effect for this course. Class attendance and participation is expected because the class is designed as a shared learning experience and because essential information not in the textbook will be discussed in class. The dynamic and intensive nature of this course makes it impossible for students to make-up or to receive credit for missed classes. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is essential to the integration of course material and your ability to demonstrate proficiency. Coming to class late or leaving *it* early is considered an absence. Students are responsible to notify the instructor if they are missing class and for what reason. Students are also responsible to make up any work covered in class. It is recommended that each student coordinate with a student colleague to obtain a copy of the class notes, if they are absent. Attendance and participation include attending class; participate in the discussion and any individual or group work that will be done in class.

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Diversity/Tolerance Policy:

Students are encouraged to contribute their perspectives and insights to class discussions. However, offensive & inappropriate language (swearing) and remarks offensive to others of particular nationalities, ethnic groups, sexual preferences, religious groups, genders, or other ascribed statuses will not be tolerated. Disruptions which violate the Code of Student Conduct will be referred to the Center for Student Rights and Responsibilities as the instructor deems appropriate.

Important dates:

Quiz 1	Sep. 7
Quiz 2	Sep.14
Quiz 3	Sep.21
First hour exam	Sep.28
Last day to withdraw with an automatic W	Oct. 4
Quiz 4	Oct.5
Quiz 5	Oct.12
Quiz 6	Oct.19
Second Hour exam	Oct.26
Last day to drop with W or WF	Oct. 28
Quiz 7	Nov.2
Quiz 8	Nov.9
Quiz 9	Nov.16
Third Hour exam	Nov. 23
Quiz 10	Nov.30
Final exam	Dec 12 at 11:00 am