

WINTER 2022      MTH 385-01  
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM      MW  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, FLINT

HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS  
MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

<b>Instructor</b>	Howard M Thompson, PhD
<b>Contact Information</b>	<p>My online office hours are Monday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm. During business hours, I frequently read my email. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:hmthomps@umflint.edu">hmthomps@umflint.edu</a> to make an appointment to meet at some other time, to ask questions, or to express concerns related to this course.</p> <p>If you need further assistance, please visit the Department of Mathematics &amp; Applied Sciences in 196 Murchie Science Building (open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm) or call the department office at <a href="tel:8107666735">(810) 766-6735</a>.</p>
<b>Textbook</b>	<p><i>Mathematics and Its History</i> A Concise Edition by John Stillwell, ISBN: 978-3-030-55193-3 The eBook is available through the library. <a href="https://link.springer-com.libproxy.umflint.edu/book/10.1007/978-3-030-55193-3">link-springer-com.libproxy.umflint.edu/book/10.1007/978-3-030-55193-3</a></p>
<b>Prerequisite</b>	MTH 200 with a grade of C (2.0) or better. (3)
<b>Description</b>	Mathematical ideas with emphasis on the development of at least one of the areas of algebra, geometry, or calculus. Not offered every semester; see <a href="http://www.umflint.edu/math">www.umflint.edu/math</a> . Graded ABCDE
<b>Class Sessions</b>	In-person class sessions will be held Monday and Wednesday 12:30 pm - 1:45 pm in 422 Murchie Science Building.
<b>Homework</b>	You should expect to devote at least <b>two hours outside class for each hour in class</b> working on material for this class. Homework assignments will be posted on Canvas. For the most part, the homework covering the two sections covered on the prior Monday and Wednesday will be due at the end of the day on the next Monday.
<b>Canvas Link</b>	<a href="https://canvas.flint.umich.edu/">https://canvas.flint.umich.edu/</a>
<b>Exams</b>	In addition to the homework assignments, there will be a take-home final exam. See the course reading schedule for the dates.

<b>Grading</b>	Homework	80 %
	Final Exam	20%

<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Grade</b>
100-92.50	A	76.49-72.50	C
92.49-89.50	A-	72.49-69.50	C-
89.49-86.50	B+	69.49-66.50	D+
86.66-82.50	B	66.49-62.50	D
82.49-79.50	B-	62.49-59.50	D-
79.49-76.50	C+	59.49-0	E

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## Course Objectives

Having successfully completed this course, students will be able to:

1. Outline the important ideas from Greek Mathematics;
2. Describe the classic open problems of Greek Mathematics;
3. Outline the early history of algebra;
4. Describe the connections between algebra and geometry;
5. Outline the emergence of calculus.