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Course Outline for MATH 107B

PRE-ALGEBRA B

Effective: Fall 2011

I. CATALOG DESCRIPTION:
MATH 107B — PRE-ALGEBRA B — 2.00 units

This course is intended to serve as a bridge between arithmetic and Elementary Algebra. It includes a review of concepts covered in the second half of Mathematics 107 Pre-Algebra, including: decimals, graphs of simple linear equations, percent and proportion, introduction to statistics, geometry and measurement, and application problems. May not receive credit if Mathematics 107 or 107Y has been completed.

1.50 Units Lecture 0.50 Units Lab

Prerequisite
MATH 107A - Pre-Algebra A
with a minimum grade of C
or

Grading Methods:
Pass/No Pass

Discipline:

	MIN
Lecture Hours:	27.00
Lab Hours:	27.00
Total Hours:	54.00

II. NUMBER OF TIMES COURSE MAY BE TAKEN FOR CREDIT: 1

III. PREREQUISITE AND/OR ADVISORY SKILLS:
Before entering the course a student should be able to:

A. MATH107A

IV. MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES:
Upon completion of this course, the student should be able to:

A. Perform accurate computations with whole numbers, fractions and decimals, signed and unsigned, without using a calculator;
B. Simplify and evaluate variable expressions;
C. Demonstrate a knowledge of ratios, proportions and percentages and their applications;
D. Demonstrate knowledge of geometric figures and their properties;
E. Demonstrate a knowledge of the English and metric units of length, area, volume, mass, temperature and time;
F. Solve linear equations involving multiple steps;
G. Analyze and construct graphs of data;
H. Construct graphs of linear equations in two variables in a rectangular coordinate system;
I. Calculate mean, median and mode from a set of data;
J. Apply the concepts learned to specific real-life applications, such as, simple interest, business and finance, restaurants, bank statements etc.

V. CONTENT:
A. Review material from Math 107A
B. The real number system
　　1. Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of signed decimals
C. Percent
　　1. Ratio and proportion
　　2. Solving percent problems with equations
　　3. Application Problems: Examples include, but are not limited to:
　　　　a. Percentages: Compute sale price or amount of a sales tax
　　　　b. Rate: use unit pricing to determine the best buy
D. Geometric figures and formulas
　　1. Perimeters
　　2. Area
　　3. Volume

        4. Triangles: Similar and Right
        5. Pythagorean Theorem and square roots
        6. Application Problems: Examples include, but are not limited to:
            a. Similar triangles, for example, measuring the height of a tree
            b. Solving for the unknown length given a right triangle situation
            c. Computing the cost of building a home or carpeting a room
    E. The English and metric systems
        1. Length
        2. Area
        3. Volume
        4. Mass
        5. Time
        6. Temperature
    F. Statistics and graphing
        1. Mean, median and mode
        2. Interpret graphs
    G. Linear Equations in Two Variables
        1. Solutions of linear equations in two variables
        2. Table of Solutions
        3. Graphing by point-plotting

VI. METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:
    A. Lectures and Tutorials
    B. Classroom or small group discussion
    C. Computer assisted instruction (e.g., ALEKS or My Math Lab)
    D. Collaborative exercises on designated content
    E. **Lab** - activities

VII. TYPICAL ASSIGNMENTS:
A. Lab Activities/Computer Assisted Instruction 1. Find a partner in the class and measure your heights two ways, one with a tape measure and two using similar triangle and shadows. B. Homework-typical problems 1. The population of a town increased from 3500 to 4200. Find the percent of increase in population. C. Collaborative learning exercises collected at the end of class 1. A piece of land, to be used as a park, has been donated to the school. You are a member of the Student Design Committee, which will be responsible for the layout and design of the park. Use the diagram of the park on page 2 to make your plans as you work with the committee to answer the questions in Part I. Part II will be the final report from the design committee.

VIII. EVALUATION:
    A. **Methods**

        1. Exams/Tests
        2. Group Projects
        3. Home Work
        4. Other:
            a. Methods of Evaluation
                1. Recommend minimum of three exams
                2. Cumulative Final exam covering content from Math 107A and Math 107B
                3. Collaborative Learning Activities
                4. Homework
    B. **Frequency**

        1. Frequency of Evaluations
            a. Three or more exams
            b. Comprehensive final exam
            c. Group work weekly
            d. Homework collected regularly and graded for accuracy and completeness

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:
    1. Donald Hutchison and Bergman, Barry, Baratto, Stefan *Prealgebra, Media Enhanced Edition.* 3rd ed., McGraw Hill, 2010.
    2. Bittinger, Marvin L., and David J. Ellenbogen, Marvin L. Johnson *Prealgebra.* 5th ed., Addison Wesley, 2008.
    3. Bach, Daniel, and Patricia Leitner *PreAlgebra-Mathematics for a Variable World.* 3rd ed., McGraw Hill, 2006.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: