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Course Outline for MATH 107B

PRE-ALGEBRA B

Effective: Fall 2016

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.

1.50 Units Lecture 0.50 Units Lab

Prerequisite

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

Grading Methods:

Letter or P/NP

Discipline:

	<u>MIN</u>
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. Classroom or small group discussion
- B. Lectures and Tutorials
- 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. Class Work
3. Home Work
4. Other:
 - Collaborative Learning Activities

B. **Frequency**

1. Exams/Tests:
 - a. Three or more exams
 - b. Cumulative Final exam covering content from Math 107A and Math 107B
2. Class work weekly
3. Homework
4.
 - a. Assigned for each section covered
 - b. Collected regularly
5. Collaborative learning Activities
6.
 - a. At the discretion of the instructor

IX. TYPICAL TEXTS:

1. Hutchinson, D., & Bergman, B. (2014). *Prealgebra, Media Enhanced Edition* (4th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw Hill.
2. Lial, M.L., & Hestwood, D. (2014). *Prealgebra* (5th ed.). Boston, Ma: Pearson.
3. Martin-Gay, E. (2014). *Prealgebra* (7th ed.). Boston, Ma: Pearson.

X. OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED OF STUDENTS: