MATH 1332
An Introduction to Contemporary Mathematics

Instructor:
Email: susan.whitaker@angelo.edu
Phone: (325)486-5439
Office: MCS 220H

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 11:30 – 12:30, 4:00 – 4:30 (not Friday); Tuesday and Thursday: 11:00 – 12:00, 2:30 – 4:00. Students are encouraged to make appointments in Navigate. Appointments can be in-person or virtual.

Teaching Philosophy
I believe that all students can learn mathematics given appropriate instruction and by appropriate practice. I understand that each student is unique and possesses a variety of experiences which they can bring to bear on their learning and interactions with classmates. I recognize that all individuals have a right to mutual respect and to be accepted by others without biases based on differences of any kind.

Course Information

Course Description
A survey of ideas in contemporary mathematics. Topics may include graphs and networks, theory of elections and apportionment, statistics, and mathematical models. Recommended for students who wish to satisfy their core mathematics requirement but do not plan to take additional mathematics coursework.

Prerequisite and Co-requisite Courses
Completion of Mathematics Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements.
Prerequisite Skills
Accessing Internet websites and proficiency with a scientific calculator are expectations of this course.

Student Learning Outcomes
Upon completion of this course, students will be able to:

- **The students will demonstrate factual knowledge including the mathematical notation and terminology used in this course.** Students will read, interpret, and use the vocabulary, symbolism, and basic definitions used in a selection from the following topics: basic algebraic techniques, voting theory, apportionment, the mathematics of money, probability, statistics, graph theory, and geometry.

- **The students will be able to describe generalizations of mathematics to real-world situations.** Students will be able to describe, for example, the role played by mathematics in the theory of voting. The students will be able to describe connections between mathematical concepts and natural and societal phenomena.

- **The students will apply the course material along with techniques and procedures covered in this course to solve various problems and improve decision making.** The students will apply such topics related to statistics and probability to improve decision making through a broader understanding of mathematics. They will learn to analyze problems using mathematical ideas and symbolism and learn to obtain the appropriate resources required to better deal with such problems.

The students will develop specific skills, competencies, and thought processes sufficient to support further study or work in this field or related fields. Students will develop new approaches and algorithms for solving problems related to networking, scheduling and paths.

Course Delivery
This is an online course that will be delivered via Blackboard. If you choose, you can complete this course without visiting the ASU campus. This course is asynchronous.

Required Texts and Materials
Course materials will be provided as documents in Blackboard.

Technology Requirements
To successfully complete this course, student needs to have regular and reliable access to a computer, webcam, and printer. Please note that tablets and phones will not always support the online tools utilized in this course. A reliable internet connection is also required. Further, student will need to have access to a scanner or a scanner.
application for turning in pencil/paper assignments. A scientific calculator will be allowed on some assessments, a graphing calculator will not be allowed on any assessments. If you are planning to use campus owned technology, get a copy of the hours of operation for the various locations and set your study schedule accordingly. For technology assistance, contact the IT Service Center, which is located in MCS 111. Their phone number is (325) 942-2911 or check out their web page Tech Support1.

Communication
Faculty will respond to email and/or telephone messages within 24 hours during working hours Monday through Friday. Weekend messages may not be returned until Monday.

Written communication via email: All private communication will be done exclusively through your ASU email address. Check frequently for announcements and policy changes. In your emails to faculty, include the course name and section number in your subject line.

Virtual communication: Office hours will be done with the assistance of Collaborate, which is included in Blackboard.

Grading

Evaluation and Grades
Course grades will be determined as indicated in the table below.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Percent of Total Grade</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Assignments</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bi-weekly check-ins</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 1</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 2</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 3</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 4</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Test 5</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>100</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Grading System
Course grades will depend on completing course requirements and meeting the student learning outcomes.

This course uses the following grading scale:
A = 89.5 -100 points
Assignment and Activity Descriptions

Assignment and Homework Policy

- Assignments will be accessed through Blackboard. Student will be expected to print out files as assigned.
- Due dates will be shown in course calendar in Blackboard. Any student who is having trouble meeting a set deadline must contact the instructor before the assignment is due during regular business hours.
- Pencil and paper assignments will be submitted through Gradescope.
- At the end of the semester, the three lowest assignment/homework scores will be dropped.

Assessments

- We will have five regular tests and a non-comprehensive final exam. A calculator is allowed for each assessment.
- If you miss an exam, you need to get in touch with me immediately! You may be required to take a comprehensive final exam to compensate for the missing exam. If you know prior to the test that you will be absent, let me know and we can make arrangements.
- Tests and exam will be held face to face in MCS 214 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Final Exam

The final exam for this course will be non-comprehensive. The final exam for this course is scheduled for December 6.

General Policies Related to This Course

All students are required to follow the policies and procedures presented in these documents:

- Angelo State University Student Handbook
- Angelo State University Catalog

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to maintain complete honesty and integrity in all work. Any student found guilty of any form of dishonesty in academic work is subject of disciplinary action and possible expulsion from ASU.
The College of Science and Engineering adheres to the university’s Statement of Academic Integrity.  

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**  
ASU is committed to the principle that no qualified individual with a disability shall, on the basis of disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of the services, programs or activities of the university, or be subjected to discrimination by the university, as provided by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments of 2008 (ADAAA) and subsequent legislation.  

Student Disability Services is located in the Office of Student Affairs, and is the designated campus department charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing requests for reasonable accommodations based on a disability. It is the student’s responsibility to initiate such a request by contacting an employee of the Office of Student Affairs, in the Houston Harte University Center, Room 112, or contacting the department via email at ADA@angelo.edu. For more information about the application process and requirements, visit the Student Disability Services website. The employee charged with the responsibility of reviewing and authorizing accommodation requests is:  

Dr. Dallas Swafford  
Director of Student Disability Services  
Office of Student Affairs  
325-942-2047  
dallas.swafford@angelo.edu  
Houston Harte University Center, Room 112

**Incomplete Grade Policy**  
It is policy that incomplete grades be reserved for student illness or personal misfortune. Please contact faculty if you have serious illness or a personal misfortune that would keep you from completing course work. Documentation may be required. See ASU Operating Policy 10.11 Grading Procedures for more information.

**Plagiarism**  
Plagiarism is a serious topic covered in ASU’s Academic Integrity policy in the Student Handbook. Plagiarism is the action or practice of taking someone else’s work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one’s own. Plagiarism is literary theft.
In your discussions and/or your papers, it is unacceptable to copy word-for-word without quotation marks and the source of the quotation. It is expected that you will summarize or paraphrase ideas giving appropriate credit to the source both in the body of your paper and the reference list.

Papers are subject to be evaluated for originality. Resources to help you understand this policy better are available at the ASU Writing Center. 

**Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Days**
A student who intends to observe a religious holy day should make that intention known in writing to the instructor prior to the absence. See ASU Operating Policy 10.19 Student Absence for Observance of Religious Holy Day for more information.

**Title IX at Angelo State University**
Angelo State University is committed to providing and strengthening an educational, working, and living environment where students, faculty, staff, and visitors are free from sex discrimination of any kind. In accordance with Title VII, Title IX, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act (SaVE), and other federal and state laws, the University prohibits discrimination based on sex, which includes pregnancy, and other types of Sexual Misconduct. Sexual Misconduct is a broad term encompassing all forms of gender-based harassment or discrimination and unwelcome behavior of a sexual nature. The term includes sexual harassment, nonconsensual sexual contact, nonconsensual sexual intercourse, sexual assault, sexual exploitation, stalking, public indecency, interpersonal violence (domestic violence or dating violence), sexual violence, and any other misconduct based on sex.

You are encouraged to report any incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Office of Title IX Compliance and the Director of Title IX Compliance/Title IX Coordinator, Michelle Miller, J.D. You may submit reports in the following manner:

Online: Incident Reporting Form
Face to Face: Mayer Administration Building, Room 210
Phone: 325-942-2022
Email: michelle.miller@angelo.edu

Note, as a faculty member at Angelo State, I am a mandatory reporter and must report incidents involving sexual misconduct to the Title IX Coordinator. Should you wish to speak to someone in confidence about an issue, you may contact the University Counseling Center (325-942-2371), the 24-Hour Crisis Helpline (325-486-6345), or the University Health Clinic (325-942-2171).
For more information about resources related to sexual misconduct, Title IX, or Angelo State’s policy please visit the Title IX website.¹¹

**Information About COVID-19**

Please refer to ASU’s COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Updates Twelve web page for current information about campus guidelines and safety standards as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Modifications to the Syllabus**

This syllabus, including grade evaluation and course schedule, is subject to modification on potentially short notice based on developing circumstances.

**Course Schedule**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Topic or Module</th>
<th>Activities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>8/23 – 8/27</td>
<td>Module 1</td>
<td>Syllabus, 1.1, 1.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/30 - 9/3</td>
<td>Module 2 and 3</td>
<td>2.1, 2.2, 3.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/6</td>
<td>Holiday</td>
<td>Labor Day Holiday – ASU classes do not meet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/7 - 9/10</td>
<td>Module 3</td>
<td>3.2, Review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/13</td>
<td>Modules 1-3</td>
<td>Test 1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/14-9/17</td>
<td>Module 4</td>
<td>4.1, 4.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/20 – 9/24</td>
<td>Module 5</td>
<td>5.1, 5.2, 5.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/27-9/30</td>
<td>Module 5</td>
<td>5.4, Review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/1</td>
<td>Module 4-5</td>
<td>Test 2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/4-10/8</td>
<td>Module 6</td>
<td>6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/11 – 10/15</td>
<td>Module 7</td>
<td>7.1, 7.2, 7.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/18-10/19</td>
<td>Modules 6-7</td>
<td>Review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/20</td>
<td>Modules 6-7</td>
<td>Test 3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/21 - 10/22</td>
<td>Module 8</td>
<td>8.1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/25 - 10/29</td>
<td>Module 8</td>
<td>8.2, 8.3, 8.4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Topic or Module</td>
<td>Activities</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>-----------------</td>
<td>--------------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/8 – 11/11</td>
<td>Financial Math</td>
<td>Finance Project</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/12</td>
<td>Modules 8-9</td>
<td>Review</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/15</td>
<td>Modules 8-9</td>
<td>Test 4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/16 – 11/19</td>
<td>Module 10</td>
<td>10.1, 10.2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/22 – 11/23</td>
<td>Module 10</td>
<td>10.3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/24 - 11/26</td>
<td>Holiday</td>
<td>Thanksgiving Holiday Break – ASU classes do not meet.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/6 – 12/10</td>
<td>Final Exam</td>
<td>Test 5</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

1. [https://www.angelo.edu/services/technology/support/](https://www.angelo.edu/services/technology/support/)
2. [https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/](https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/student-handbook/)
3. [https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/](https://www.angelo.edu/academics/catalog/)
5. [https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/](https://www.angelo.edu/current-students/disability-services/)
6. [https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures](https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14197-op-1011-grading-procedures)
8. [https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of](https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of)
9. [https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of](https://www.angelo.edu/content/files/14206-op-1019-student-absence-for-observance-of)
10. [https://www.angelo.edu/incident-form](https://www.angelo.edu/incident-form)
11. [https://www.angelo.edu/title-ix](https://www.angelo.edu/title-ix)
12. [https://www.angelo.edu/covid-19/](https://www.angelo.edu/covid-19/)