

University of West Georgia
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
Quantitative Skills and Reasoning
MATH 1001 – Sec 92/92Z – 3 Credit Hours

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Text: *Thinking Mathematically*, 6th edition by Blitzer; from Pearson Publishers.

Additional Required Materials: A calculator and a notebook.

Course Description: This course is an alternative in Area A of the Core Curriculum and is not intended to supply sufficient algebraic background for students who intend to take Precalculus or the Calculus sequences for mathematics and science majors. This course places quantitative skills and reasoning in the context of experiences that students will be likely to encounter. The course emphasizes processing information in context from a variety of representations, of both the information and the processing, and understanding which conclusions can be reasonably determined.

COURSE OUTLINE

Upon successful completion of this course, students will demonstrate:

1. Interpret a wide variety of quantitative information.
2. Use mathematical reasoning to analyze quantitative information and use it to reach conclusions in real-world contexts.
3. Understand how mathematics and quantitative reasoning are an integral part of society and history.
4. Process information and develop procedures for solving problems.
5. Use different units and formats of numbers including metric system and percentages.
6. Understand and deal with uncertainty in mathematics.
7. Be able to interpret and calculate financial information including interest and loans.
8. Understand and interpret statistical results found in the media and society.

EXPECTATIONS / REQUIREMENTS

Grade :

Your grade will consist of 4 tests (12.5% each), Homework/Quiz/In-Class Assignment Average (25%), and a cumulative Final Exam (25%).

ASSESSMENT GRADING:

**Course Grade = .25*(Hw/Qz/In-Class Assignment Average)+.125*Test1 + .125*Test 2
+.125*Test 3+.125*Test4 +0.25*(Final Exam)**

When computing your Final Course Grade I will replace your lowest test grade with your Final Exam Grade, if the Final Exam Grade is higher than your lowest test grade.

In the event of academic dishonesty the student forfeits this benefit.

Grading Scale :

Letter Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Grading Scale	90% to 100%	80% to 89%	70% to 79%	60% to 69%	0% to 59%

Calculator Policy: The instructor reserves the right to when you are allowed to use Calculators on in class graded assignments.

Homework/In-Class Assignments :

Homework assignments will be completed on CourseDen using MyOpenMath. You will have assignments due on CourseDen on almost a weekly basis. Do not wait until the due date to complete the assignments – if CourseDen is not available, you will get a 0 for those assignments.

Quizzes :

Quizzes will be based on homework assignments as well as information discussed during class. I will announce (in class) the exact date of quizzes at least one class period in advance. Quizzes may be given in class or online in MyOpenMath.

Tests:

There will be 4 tests and a comprehensive final exam. I will announce (in class) the exact dates for each test at least one week prior to said test.

Final Exam:

The Final Exam will be given on **Wednesday, April 29th from 11am-1pm** in our regular classroom.

Make-up Policy:

In the event of a student missing a Test for any reason, I will allow the final exam grade to replace that missing test grade.

Withdrawal Policy: The last day you can withdraw from this course is Friday **Feb 28th, 2020.**

Attendance: There is no attendance policy in this class. But you must come to class to succeed. Please do not arrive late or leave early. I reserve the right to alter this policy if necessary.

Questions about grading: Questions about grading must be asked within one week of the graded works return.

University Closures: If the University is closed due to weather or for any other reason, any test, quiz, or graded assignment that may have been scheduled for that date will be administered on the next available class date. If an assignment is due that day, it will be due the next class.

UWG EMAIL POLICY: University of West Georgia students are provided a MyUWG e-mail account. The University considers this account to be an official means of communication between the University and the student. The purpose of the official use of the student e-mail account is to provide an effective means of communicating important university related information to UWG students in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to check his or her email.

CourseDen: Course materials will be posted on CourseDen. Please check CourseDen often for updates. You may log in to CourseDen at www.westga.edu or <http://webct.westga.edu>. If you are having problems logging into CourseDen, please go to <http://uwgonline.westga.edu/students.php> or call 678-839-6248

Accessibility Services:

Students with a documented disability may work with UWG Accessibility Services to receive essential services specific to their disability. All entitlements to accommodations are based on documentation and USG Board of Regents standards. If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability or chronic illness, or if you need to make special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, you should notify me in writing and provide a copy of your Student Accommodations Report (SAR), which is available only from Accessibility Services. I cannot offer accommodations without timely receipt of the SAR; further, no retroactive accommodations will be given. For more information, please contact Accessibility Services.

Math Tutoring Center (MTC): The Math Tutoring Center is located in 205 Boyd is available for any student who needs help. No appointments are necessary for the MTC. There are computers available in the MTC so students can get help with online assignments as well as homework assignments. The MTC is scheduled to open starting the second week. The hours for the MTC this semester are:

MW: 9am-8pm

TR: 9am-7pm

F: 9am-3pm

Center for Academic Success: The Center for Academic Success provides services, programs, and opportunities to help all undergraduate students succeed academically. For more information, contact them: 678-839-6280 or cas@westga.edu

Student Conduct:

Students are expected to abide by the guidelines detailed in the university catalog. Respect and courtesy are required of all students while in the classroom.

Cell Phones/Laptops:

You are expected to give your full, undivided attention while class is in session. Turn off or do not bring electronics that will distract you and the class. Electronic devices are not to be used during the lecture, unless permitted by the instructor.

COURSE POLICIES AND INFORMATION:

University Policies and Academic Support

Please carefully review the following Common Language for all university course syllabi at the link:

http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf

It contains important material pertaining to university policies and responsibilities. Because these statements are updated as federal, state, university, and accreditation standards change, you should review the information each semester.

For important policy information, i.e., the UWG Honor Code, Email, and Credit Hour policies, as well as information on Academic Support and Online Courses, please review the information found in the Common Language for Course Syllabi documentation at http://www.westga.edu/assetsDept/vpaa/Common_Language_for_Course_Syllabi.pdf.

Academic Dishonesty:

All students of the University of West Georgia are expected to follow the Honor Code as described in the student handbook (<https://www.westga.edu/administration/vpsa/assets/docs/2016-2017-student-handbook.pdf>). Any student who commits academic dishonesty will receive the following penalties.

1. For a first charge of academic dishonesty the student will receive a grade of “0” for said assignment. In the event of academic dishonesty the final exam grade will not replace your lowest test grade if it is higher.
2. For a second charge of academic dishonesty the student will receive a grade of “0” for the course.

Note that all incidents of academic dishonesty will be reported to the University.

IMPORTANT DATES:

First Day of Class:

Monday, January 6th

Drop Ends:

Tuesday, January 10th

Last Day to Withdrawal with W:

Friday, February 28th

Last Day of Class:

Monday, April 27th

Final Exam Period:

April 29th to May 5th (see The Scoop for specific times)

No classes:

Monday, January 20th (MLK Jr Day)

Friday, March 6th (Math Day)

Monday March 16th to Friday March 20th (Spring Break)

****Note**** This syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary