Math 0306-237H1
Mathematical Foundations
Spring 2025
STEAM Building, Room 107
TTh 5:30 - 7:20pm

Instructor Information: Theophilus Boye, tboye@com.edu, 409-933-**8758**
Include your course & section in the subject line when emailing

Student hours: MW: 11:00 - 2:00pm   **TTh**: 4.30 - 5:30pm

Location: STEAM 325-3

Required Textbook/Materials: You have purchased *MyMathLab*, software used to complete assignments and quizzes and to access a digital copy of the textbook, with your tuition. A hard copy of the textbook is recommended, but not required. The textbook for this course is: Prealgebra, 8th edition, by Elayn Martin-Gay, Pearson Education, 2018.

Course Description: This course prepares students for college-level courses in Quantitative Reasoning and Elementary Statistical Methods. Topics include numeracy and the real number system with emphasis on integers and rational numbers; rates, ratios, and proportions; percentages; solving linear equations; problem solving; measurement and geometry; and statistical concepts, notation, and reasoning.

Course requirements:
Homework Assignments (My Math Lab)
Three exams
Comprehensive final exam

Required Technology: **A** calculator is needed for this course. Texas Instruments TI30XIIS is recommended. Internet capability is required to gain access to course materials and online assignments via *MyMathLab* software.

Determination of Course Grade/Detailed Grading Formula:
The course grade will be determined in the following way:

Comprehensive Final Exam	20%
Regular Exams	60%
MyMathLab Homework	15%
Other	5%
Final Average	100%

Grading Scale:
Grade A: Final Average is [89.5, 100]
Grade B: Final Average is [79.5, 89.5)
Grade C: Final Average is [69.5, 79.5)
Grade D: Final Average is [59.5, 69.5)
Grade F: Final Average is [0, 59.5)

Late Work, Make-Up, and Extra-Credit Policy: The late penalty for past due assignments is 20% of your grade. Occasionally, extra credit points will be offered to the entire class; however, individually, extra credit assignments will **not be available**.

Attendance Policy: Students at COM are expected to participate every week for which they are registered. Per COM policy, students are required to log on to their course at least twice per week, but it may be necessary to log on more times each week to complete the assignments required of this course.

Communicating with your instructor: ALL electronic communication with the instructor must be through your COM email. Due to FERPA restrictions, faculty cannot share any information about performance in the class through other electronic means.

Academic Dishonesty: Any incident of academic dishonesty will be dealt with in accordance with college policy and the Student Handbook. Academic dishonesty – such as cheating on exams is an extremely serious offense and will result in a **grade of zero** on that exam and the student will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for the appropriate disciplinary action.

Student Concerns: If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of this course, please contact me using the contact information previously provided. If, after discussing your concern with me, you continue to have questions, please contact Mr. Leslie Richardson, Chair of the Math Department, at 409-933-8329 or lrichardson@com.edu

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Electronic Device Policies
You may use your laptop or tablet for taking notes during lecture; however, that privilege will be lost if I find that you are using them for non-course-related reasons (e.g., news, social media, shopping). All other electronic devices should be **silenced and hidden**. If there is an emergency and your phone must be on/visible, please inform me of this at the beginning of class.

Classroom Conduct Policy
Arriving on time, staying the entire class period, eliminating distractions like cell phones, using appropriate language (no cursing), respecting your classmates and the instructor, and cleaning up after yourself are all expectations for students in the classroom. Please abide by these expectations so that the class setting is enjoyable for all students. **Regarding cell phones, they should be turned off or set on airplane mode and in your backpack/purse (not on your desk).**
It is extremely disruptive to the learning environment, so you will be asked to leave if it is a continuous problem. Infractions may result in an automatic withdrawal from the class. Cell phones cannot be used during tests or quizzes and refer to testing policies for additional information. Please notify me before class if you have an emergency that requires you to answer your phone during class. Take an emergency phone call outside of the classroom.
For their safety, unattended minors of students are not permitted on campus while students are in class. In consideration of fellow classmate, please do not bring children to class.

Testing Policy

- Prohibited devices include, but are not limited to:
  - Cell phones; smart phones; smart watches
  - Audio players/recorders, tablets, laptops, notebooks, or any other personal computing devices
  - Cameras or any other photographic equipment
  - Any devices, including digital watches, that can be used to record, transmit, receive, or play back audio, photographic, text, or video content
  - If your device makes a sound or is in your possession when the device goes off, you may be dismissed, and your score may be recorded as zero.

- **If you leave the classroom at any time during an exam, the exam must be submitted for grading.** It is strongly advised that students take care of all personal business prior to entering the classroom to take an exam.

Course Outline:

Week Dates	Math 0306-237H1-SP2025			TTH 5:30 – 7:20PM	Due Date
1 Jan. 13-19	**In – class**	T	2.1	Introduction to Integers	**Jan 18**
			2.2	Adding Integers	
		TH	2.3	Subtracting Integers	
			2.4	Multiplying and Dividing Integers	
			2.5	Order of Operations	
	Independent Study			Course Syllabus	
			8.3	Rectangular Coordinate System and Paired Data	
			8.4	Graphing Linear Equations in Two Variables	
			8.5	Counting and Introduction to Probability	
				Review for Test 1	
2 Jan. 21 - 26	**In – class**			**Test 1 (2, 8)**	**Jan 26**
		T	3.1	Simplifying Algebraic Expressions	
			3.2	Solving Equations: Review of the Addition and Multiplication Properties	
		TH	3.3	Solving Linear Equations in One Variable	
			3.4	Linear Equations in One Variable & Problem Solving	
	Independent Study		4.1	Introduction to Fractions and Mixed Numbers	
			4.2	Factors and Simplest Form	
3 Jan. 27 - Feb. 2	**In – class**	T	4.3	Multiplying and Dividing Fractions	**Feb 2**
			4.4	Adding and Subtracting Like Fractions, Least Common Denominator, and Equivalent Fractions	
		TH	4.5	Adding and Subtracting Unlike Fractions	
			4.7	Operations on Mixed Numbers	
	Independent Study		5.1	Introduction to Decimals	
			5.2	Adding and Subtracting Decimals	
4 Feb. 3 - 9	**In-class**	T	5.3	Multiplying Decimals and Circumference of a Circle	**Feb 9**
			5.4	Dividing Decimals	
			5.5	Fractions, Decimals, and the Order of Operations	
		TH	5.6	Solving Equations Containing Decimals	
			6.1	Ratios and Rates	
			6.2	Proportions	
	Independent Study		6.2	Proportions	
			6.3	Proportions and Problem Solving	
				Review for Test 2	
5 Feb. 10 - 16	**In-class**	T		**Test 2 (3, 4, 5)**	**Feb 16**
			7.1	Percents, Decimals, and Fractions	
			7.2	Solving Percent Problems with Equations	
		TH	7.3	Solving Percent Problems with Proportions	
			7.4	Applications of Percent	
	Independent Study		7.4	Applications of Percent	
			7.5	Solving: Sales Tax, Commission, and Discount	

Week	Mode	Day	§	Topic	Due
6 Feb. 17 - 23	**In-class**	T	9.2	Perimeter	**Feb. 23**
			9.3	Area (No Volume or Surface Area)	
		TH	9.4	Linear Measurement (U.S. and Metric Units of Length)	
			9.5	Weight and Mass (U.S. and Metric Units of Weight and Mass)	
	Independent Study		9.6	Capacity (U.S. and Metric Units of Volume)	
			9.7	Temperature and Conversions Between the U.S. and Metric Systems	
				Review for Test 3 Test 3 (6, 7, 9) - Online	
7 Feb.24 - Mar. 2	**In-class**	T		Review for Final Exam	**Mar 3**
		TH		Final Exam	
8 Mar. 3 - 6	**In-class**	T			**Mar. 4**

Important Dates:

Wednesday: **02/26** -Spring 2024 **1st 8-Week "W-Day"**

Thursday: **03/06** -Spring 2024 1st 8-Week Last Day of Class

***Calendar is subject to change

Institutional Policies and Guidelines

Grade Appeal Process: Concerns about the accuracy of grades should first be discussed with the instructor. A request for a change of grade is a formal request and must be made within six months of the grade assignment. Directions for filing an appeal can be found in the student handbook **https://www.com.edu/student-services/docs/Student_Handbook_2024-2025_v2.pdf.** *An appeal will not be considered because of general dissatisfaction with a grade, penalty, or outcome of a course. Disagreement with the instructor's professional judgment of the quality of the student's work and performance is also not an admissible basis for a grade appeal.*

Academic Success & Support Services: College of the Mainland is committed to providing students the necessary support and tools for success in their college careers. Support is offered through our Tutoring Services, Library, Counseling, and through Student Services. Please discuss any concerns with your faculty or an advisor.

ADA Statement: Any student with a documented disability needing academic accommodations is requested to contact:
Kimberly Lachney, Student Accessibility Services Coordinator
Phone: 409-933-8919
Email: AccessibilityServices@com.edu
Location: COM Doyle Family Administration Building, Student Success Center

Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending College of the Mainland is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.

Withdrawal Policy: Students may withdraw from this course for any reason prior to the last eligible day for a "W" grade. Before withdrawing students should speak with the instructor and consult an advisor. Students are permitted to withdraw only six times during their college career by state law. The last date to withdraw from the 1st 8-week session is February 26. The last date to withdraw from the 16-week session is April 21. The last date to withdraw for the 2nd 8-week session is April 30.

FN Grading: The FN grade is issued in cases of *failure due to a lack of attendance*, as determined by the instructor. The FN grade may be issued for cases in which the student ceases or fails to attend class, submit assignments, or participate in required capacities, and for which the student has failed to withdraw. The issuing of the FN grade is at the discretion of the instructor. The last date of attendance should be documented for submission of an FN grade.

Early Alert Program: The Student Success Center at College of the Mainland has implemented an Early Alert Program because student success and retention are very important to us. I have been asked to refer students to the program throughout the semester if they are having difficulty completing assignments or have poor attendance. If you are referred to the Early Alert Program you will be contacted by someone in the Student Success Center who will schedule a meeting with you to see what assistance they can offer in order for you to meet your academic goals.

Resources to Help with Stress:
If you are experiencing stress or anxiety about your daily living needs including food, housing or just feel you could benefit from free resources to help you through a difficult time, please click here https://www.com.edu/community-resource-center/. College of the Mainland has partnered with free community resources to help you stay on track with your schoolwork, by addressing life issues that get in the way of doing your best in school. All services are private and confidential. You may also contact the Dean of Students office at deanofstudents@com.edu or communityresources@com.edu.

Nondiscrimination Statement:
The College District prohibits discrimination, including harassment, against any individual on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and gender expression), or any other basis prohibited by law. Retaliation against anyone involved in the complaint process is a violation of College District policy.