



EDUC 621-IS-3: Secondary Math Methods
School of Education & Behavioral Sciences
[Chaminade University Honolulu](https://www.chaminade.edu/)
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Online Graduate

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Learning Materials

- **Textbook (Required):** Boaler, J. (2019). *Limitless mind: Learn, lead, and live without barriers*. ISBN-10: 0062851748
- **Textbook (Required):** Liljedahl P. Zager T. & Wheeler L. (2021). *Building thinking classrooms in mathematics: 14 teaching practices for enhancing learning: grades k-12*. Corwin. ISBN-10: 1544374836
- **GroupMe App:** A way to stay up-to-date with all class routines, assignments, and questions between you, your professor, and your classmates.
- **Google Drive/3-Ring Binder:** This is comprised of reflections, discussion posts, and all other assignments.



Additional Resources

- [Common Core State Standards \(CCSS\) for Mathematics](#)
- [The Math Learning Center – Virtual Math Manipulatives](#)

Course Catalog Description:

In this course, teacher candidates learn a variety of instructional methodologies and approaches that are workable in the secondary mathematics classroom. Concepts to be covered include establishing a context for instruction, presenting strategies for reading, writing, and studying, and translating information gained into practice.

Course Overview

This secondary math methods course provides insight on how to instruct students in the secondary grades with while pushing their mathematical thinking towards conceptual rather than procedural.

Marianist Values

This class represents one component of your education at Chaminade University of Honolulu. An education in the Marianist Tradition is marked by five principles and you should take every opportunity possible to reflect upon the role of these characteristics in your education and development:

1. Education for formation in faith
2. Provide an integral, quality education
3. Educate in family spirit
4. Educate for service, justice and peace
5. Educate for adaptation and change

Native Hawaiian Values

Education is an integral value in both Marianist and Native Hawaiian culture. Both recognize the transformative effect of a well-rounded, value-centered education on society, particularly in seeking justice for the marginalized, the forgotten, and the oppressed, always with an eye toward God (Ke Akua). This is reflected in the 'Olelo No'eau (Hawaiian proverbs) and Marianist core beliefs:

1. Educate for Formation in Faith (Mana) E ola au i ke akua ('Olelo No'eau 364) May I live by God

2. Provide an Integral, Quality Education (Na'auao) Lawe i ka ma'alea a kū'ono'ono ('Ōlelo No'eau 1957) Acquire skill and make it deep
3. Educate in Family Spirit ('Ohana) 'Ike aku, 'ike mai, kōkua aku kōkua mai; pela iho la ka nohana 'ohana ('Ōlelo No'eau 1200) Recognize others, be recognized, help others, be helped; such is a family relationship
4. Educate for Service, Justice and Peace (Aloha) Ka lama kū o ka no'eau ('Ōlelo No'eau 1430) Education is the standing torch of wisdom
5. Educate for Adaptation and Change (Aina) 'A'ohe pau ka 'ike i ka hālau ho'okahi ('Ōlelo No'eau 203) All knowledge is not taught in the same school

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

1	Apply knowledge of learner development, learner differences, diverse students and the learning environment to optimize learning for Elementary students.
2	Describe central concepts, tools of inquiry and structures of the subject matter disciplines for Elementary students.
3	Utilize formative and summative assessments, to determine, select, and implement effective instructional strategies for Elementary students.
4	Analyze the history, values, commitments, and ethics of the teaching profession within the school community.
5	Explain the Marianist tradition of providing an integral, quality education within diverse learning communities.

Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs)

1	Design real-world mathematics lessons that reflect appropriate consideration of student needs, objectives to be achieved, content to be taught while allowing exploration, conjectures, and logical reasoning.
2	Apply problem-solving skills to investigate real-life mathematical situations, and communicate mathematical ideas with others verbally, numerically, symbolically, graphically, and/or geometrically.
3	Read for personal growth as educators and reflect to inform others about informational texts.

Alignment of Learning Outcomes

	CLO 1	CLO 2	CLO 3
Marianist Values	Provide an integral and quality education Educate for adaptation and change	Provide an integral and quality education Educate for adaptation and change	Provide an integral and quality education Educate for adaptation and change
WASC Core Competencies	Written Communication Oral Communication Quantitative Reasoning Critical Thinking	Written Communication Oral Communication Quantitative Reasoning Critical Thinking	Oral Communication Quantitative Reasoning Critical Thinking
Program Outcomes	1, 2	1, 2	1, 2

Assessment

The assignments in this course are each designed to contribute in a different and significant way to your knowledge and experience relative to diagnosis and remediation of mathematics, and to teaching elementary mathematics. A scoring rubric is provided with every assignment to ensure you know what is required to receive the score desired. Feedback and grades on all assignments are provided within 7 days of submission.

1. Participation Assignments – 0% of Final Grade

Module 1: [1 point per assignment]

- There are two different assignments, both described on Canvas, which contribute to your overall participation in this course: an introductory post and joining our class GroupMe. Although these are not a contributing factor to your final grade, they are required to complete.

2. *Limitless Mind* Book Review – 30% of Final Grade

[CLO 3]

Module 1 - 4: [25 points]

- After the completion of reading this book by Jo Boaler, you will write a 3 – 5-page, double-spaced reflection in APA format responding to all of the questions stated under the assignment on Canvas.

3. *Building Thinking Classrooms (BTC) in Mathematics Reflections* – 30% of Final Grade

[CLO 3]

Module 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10: [5 points each]

- You will answer reflection questions based on what you read in the assigned chapters. This book by Peter Liljedahl is a game changer for all future mathematics educators.

4. Three-Act Task – 40% of Final Grade

[CLO 1, 2]

Module 5, 6, 8, 10: [45 points]

- You will create your own real-world math lesson called a Three-Act Task, which must focus on one of the content areas covered in this course. You will submit parts of the task during specific modules for feedback before you submit the full, completed task in the final module.

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

- A** - Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative
- B** - Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner
- C** - Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter
- D** - Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, not satisfactory for fulfillment of prerequisite course work
- F** - Failed to grasp the minimum subject matter; no credit given

Technical Assistance for Canvas Users

- Search for help on specific topics or get tips in [Canvas Students](#)
- [Live chat with Canvas Support for students](#)
- Canvas Support Hotline for students: +1-833-209-6111
- Watch this [video to get you started](#)
- [Online tutorials](#): click on “Students” role to access tutorials
- Contact the Chaminade IT Helpdesk for technical issues: helpdesk@chaminade.edu or call (808) 735-4855

Tutoring and Writing Services

Chaminade is proud to offer free, one-on-one tutoring and writing assistance to all students. Tutoring and writing help is available on campus at Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning in a variety of subjects (including, but are not limited to: biology, chemistry, math, nursing, English, etc.) from trained Peer and Professional Tutors. Please check Kōkua 'Ike's [website](#) for the latest times, list of drop-in hours, and information on scheduling an appointment. Free online tutoring is also available via TutorMe. TutorMe can be accessed 24/7 from your Canvas account. Simply click Account – Notifications – TutorMe. For more information, please contact Kōkua 'Ike at tutoring@chaminade.edu or 808-739-8305.

Course & Chaminade University Policies

Late Work Policy

Always accepted, but feedback may be delayed.

Grades of "Incomplete"

This policy on incomplete grades aligns with the same University policies.

Writing Policy

For any writing assignments, please use APA format. Please refer to <https://apastyle.apa.org> for any specific style and grammar guidelines questions.

Instructor and Student Communication

Questions for this course can be sent through a direct message on the GroupMe app. Online and/or in-person meetings can be arranged. Response time will take place up to 24 hours.

Disability Access

If you need individual accommodations to meet course outcomes because of a documented disability, please speak with me to discuss your needs as soon as possible so that we can ensure your full participation in class and fair assessment of your work. Students with special needs who meet criteria for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) provisions must provide written documentation of the need for accommodations from Kōkua 'Ike: Center for Student Learning by the end of week three of the class, in order for instructors to plan accordingly. If a student would like to determine if they meet the criteria for accommodations, they should contact the Kōkua 'Ike Coordinator at (808) 739-8305 for further information (ada@chaminade.edu).

Title IX Compliance

Chaminade University of Honolulu recognizes the inherent dignity of all individuals and promotes respect for all people. Sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse will NOT be tolerated at CUH. If you have been the victim of sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, we encourage you to report this matter promptly. As a faculty member, I am interested in promoting a safe and healthy environment, and should I learn of any sexual misconduct, physical and/or psychological abuse, I must report the matter to the Title IX Coordinator. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you can find the appropriate resources by visiting Campus Ministry, the Dean of Students Office, the Counseling Center, or the Office for Compliance and Personnel Services.

Attendance Policy

The following attendance policy is from the 2019-2020 Academic Catalog (p. 54-55). Faculty members should also check with their divisions for division-specific guidelines.

Students are expected to attend regularly all courses for which they are registered. Student should notify their instructors when illness or other extenuating circumstances prevents them from attending class and make arrangements to complete missed assignments. Notification may be done by emailing the instructor's Chaminade email address, calling the instructor's campus extension, or by leaving a message with the instructor's division office. It is the instructor's prerogative to modify deadlines of course requirements accordingly. Any student who stops attending a course without officially withdrawing may receive a failing grade.

Unexcused absences equivalent to more than a week of classes may lead to a grade reduction for the course. Any unexcused absence of two consecutive weeks or more may result in being withdrawn from the course by the instructor, although the instructor is not required to withdraw students in that scenario. Repeated absences put students at risk of failing grades.

Students with disabilities who have obtained accommodations from the Chaminade University of Honolulu Tutor Coordinator may be considered for an exception when the accommodation does not materially alter the attainment of the learning outcomes.

Federal regulations require continued attendance for continuing payment of financial aid. When illness or personal reasons necessitate continued absence, the student should communicate first with the instructor to review the options. Anyone who stops attending a course without official withdrawal may receive a failing grade or be withdrawn by the instructor at the instructor's discretion.

Student Conduct Policy

Campus life is a unique situation requiring the full cooperation of each individual. For many, Chaminade is not only a school, but a home and a place of work as well. That makes it a community environment in which the actions of one students may directly affect other students. Therefore, each person must exercise a high degree of responsibility. Any community must have standards of conduct and rules by which it operates. At Chaminade, these standards are outlined so as to reflect both the Catholic, Marianist values of the institution and to honor and respect students as responsible adults. All alleged violations of the community standards are handled through an established student conduct process, outlined in the Student Handbook, and operated within the guidelines set to honor both students' rights and campus values.

Students should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects the ideals of the University. This includes knowing and respecting the intent of rules, regulations, and/or policies presented in the Student Handbook, and realizing that students are subject to the University's jurisdiction from the time of their admission until their enrollment has been formally terminated. Please refer to the Student Handbook for more details. A copy of the Student Handbook is available on the Chaminade website under Student Life.

For further information, [please refer to the Chaminade Catalog](#).

Credit Hour Policy

The unit of semester credit is defined as university-level credit that is awarded for the completion of coursework. One credit hour reflects the amount of work represented in the intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement for those learning outcomes. Each credit hour earned at Chaminade University should result in 45 hours of engagement.

The minimum 45 hours of engagement per credit hour can be satisfied in fully online, internship, or other specialized courses through several means, including (a) regular online instruction or interaction with the faculty member and fellow students and (b) academic engagement through extensive reading, research, online discussion, online quizzes or exams; instruction, collaborative group work, internships, laboratory work, practica, studio work, and preparation of papers, presentations, or other forms of assessment. This policy is in accordance with federal regulations and regional accrediting agencies.

How This Course Meets the Credit Hour Policy

This is a three-credit hour course requiring 135 clock hours of student engagement, per the official CUH Credit Hour Policy. Students enrolled in this course are anticipated to spend 70 hours completing key assessments. There will be an additional 65 hours of work required beyond what is listed here (reading and researching in the secondary education realm), averaging 4.3 hours each week.

Below is how the 135 hours are calculated in more detail:

Clock Hour Category	Total Time (hours)
Limitless Mind Book Review	20
Building Thinking Classrooms Reflection	20
Three-Act Task	30
Sub-Total	70
Remaining Hours	65
<i>Remaining Hours / 15 Weeks</i>	<i>4.3 hours/week</i>

Course Schedule

Module # Dates	Module Content	Assignments
Modules 1 - 4 Jan 8 th – Feb 4 th	<i>Limitless Mind</i> by Jo Boaler	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GroupMe Registration ○ <i>Limitless Mind</i> Book Review
Module 5 Feb 5 th – 11 th	<i>Building Thinking Classrooms</i> Introduction, Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Chapter 3 Work on Three-Act Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BTC Reflection #1 ○ Three-Act Task Information & Understanding
Module 6 Feb 12 th – 18 th	<i>Building Thinking Classrooms</i> Chapter 4, Chapter 5 Work on Three-Act Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BTC Reflection #2 ○ Three-Act Task (First Submission)
Module 7 Feb 19 th – 25 th	<i>Building Thinking Classrooms</i> Chapter 6, Chapter 7, Chapter 8, Chapter 9 Work on Three-Act Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BTC Reflection #3
Module 8 Feb 26 th – 3 rd	<i>Building Thinking Classrooms</i> Chapter 10, Chapter 11 Work on Three-Act Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BTC Reflection #4 ○ Three-Act Task (Second Submission)
Module 9 Feb 4 th – 10 th	<i>Building Thinking Classrooms</i> Chapter 12, Chapter 13 Work on Three-Act Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BTC Reflection #5
Module 10 Feb 11 th – 17 th	<i>Building Thinking Classrooms</i> Chapter 14, Chapter 15 Work on Three-Act Task	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BTC Reflection #6 ○ Three-Act Task (Final Submission)