Chaminade University



MATH 100

Survey of Mathematics

April 3-May 29, 1998 MF 2:00-4:30 pm Kaneohe MCBH

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Course Description: Introductory course for humanities majors. Selected topics to acquaint the student with the field of mathematics.

Textbook: The Nature of Mathematics (8th edition). By Karl J. Smith; Brooks/Cole Publishing Company

TENTATIVE list of topics to be Covered: (Highlighted chapters will be emphasized.)

Chapter 1: The Nature of Problem Solving

Chapter 2: The Nature of Logic

Chapter 3: The Nature of Calculation

Chapter 4: The Nature of Numbers

Chapter 5: The Nature of Algebra

Chapter 6: The Nature of Sequences, Series, and Financial Management

Chapter 7: The Nature of Geometry

Chapter 8: The Nature of Measurement

Chapter 9: The Nature of Probability

Chapter 10: The Nature of Statistics

Chapter 11: The Nature of Graphs and Functions

Chapter 12: The Nature of Mathematical Systems

Attendance/Participation: Attendance will be recorded daily. The instructor may reduce a student's grade for excessive absences.

Homework: Daily homework assignments will be made. The assignments will be turned in during the next class meeting. Points for late assignments may be reduced or not be credited, at the discretion of the instructor.

Exams: There will be 4 exams administered during the course. The last exam will be a comprehensive exam to cover the material learned in the course.

Project: Each student will be required to give a 5-10 minute presentation during the final week of the course. (May 25 & May 29) Possible topics for the presentation are:

- Historical aspect of some area covered in the textbook (Pascal's triangle, Polya's method)
- Consumer math (auto purchase)
- Financial math (compound interest problem)
- Probability experiment (deck of cards, rolling the dice)
- Current Events and statistics
- Overview of some area of mathematics (Fractals, topology, geometry)
- Computers and math

The student will be required to have a preliminary idea ready for approval by April 24. By May 15, the student should have a rough draft of their project to be presented to the instructor.

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Final Exam	20%		

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