

Contemporary Math (MATH 1332)

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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**LAMAR INSTITUTE
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CREDIT

3 Semester Credit Hours (3 hours lecture)

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Online

Prerequisite/Co-requisite:

- A score of 350 or above on the TSI-Assessment placement test (effective Fall 2013) or a “C” or better in TMTH 0374.
- Complete the Online Orientation and answer yes to 7+ questions on the Online Learner Self-Assessment:
<http://www.lit.edu/depts/DistanceEd/OnlineOrientation/OOStep2.aspx>

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Intended for Non STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) majors. Topics include introductory treatments of sets and logic, financial mathematics, probability and statistics with appropriate applications. Number sense, proportional reasoning, estimation, technology, and communication should be embedded throughout the course. Additional topics may be covered. *This course is time-bound, structured, and online.*

COURSE OBJECTIVES (Student Learning Outcomes SLO)

Upon successful completion of this course, students will:

1. Apply the language and notation of sets.
2. Determine the validity of an argument or statement and provide mathematical evidence.
3. Solve problems in mathematics of finance.

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4. Demonstrate fundamental probability/counting techniques and apply those techniques to solve problems.

5. Interpret and analyze various representations of data.

6. Demonstrate the ability to choose and analyze mathematical models to solve problems from real-world settings, including, but not limited to, personal finance, health literacy, and civic engagement.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK AND MATERIALS

1. MyMathLab Standalone Access Code
 - a. May be purchased online at www.mymathlab.com
 - b. May be purchased at a local bookstore: **ISBN 032119991X**
2. Calculator of your choice.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Face to face classes: you are expected to attend every class. Failure to attend may result in being dropped or loss of credit (failing the course), with or without warning.

Online classes; do not attend class but are expected to login to blackboard at least twice a week and complete assignments prior to due date. Failure to complete assignments prior to due date may result in loss of credit. Late work may not be accepted.

DROP POLICY

If you wish to drop a course, you are responsible for initiating and completing the drop process by the specified drop date as listed on the [Academic Calendar](#). If you stop coming to class and fail to drop the course, you will earn an "F" in the course.

STUDENT EXPECTED TIME REQUIREMENT

For every hour in class (or unit of credit), students should expect to spend at least two to three hours per week studying and completing assignments. For a 3-credit-hour class, students should prepare to allocate approximately six to nine hours per week outside of class in a 16-week session OR approximately twelve to eighteen hours in an 8-week session. Online/Hybrid students should expect to spend at least as much time in this course as in the traditional, face-to-face class.

COURSE CALENDAR (Dates and assignments subject to change with or without notice)

| Week of | Section | Title | Assignment |
|----------------|---------|---|-----------------------|
| 1/17 | | Syllabus / Introduction to Hawkes | Online through Hawkes |
| | 2.1 | Set Notation | Due 2/17 |
| 1/23 | 2.2 | Subsets and Venn Diagrams | Due 2/17 |
| | 2.3 | Operations with Sets | Due 2/17 |
| 1/30 | 2.4 | Problem Solving with Venn Diagrams | Due 2/17 |
| | 3.1 | Logic Statements and Quantifiers | Due 2/17 |
| 2/6 | 3.2 | Truth Tables | Due 2/17 |
| | 3.3 | The Conditional | Due 2/17 |
| | 3.4 | Conditional and Related Statements | Due 2/17 |
| 2/13 | | Test I Chapters 2 & 3 | Due 2/17 |
| | 5.1 | Prime and Composite Numbers | Due 3/10 |
| 2/20 | 5.4 | GCF and LCM | Due 3/10 |
| | 6.1 | Real Numbers, Order, and Absolute Value | Due 3/10 |
| 2/27 | 6.2 | Operations and Properties | Due 3/10 |
| | 6.3 | Rational Numbers and Decimals | Due 3/10 |
| | 6.4 | Irrational Numbers | Due 3/10 |
| 3/6 | 6.5 | Applications of Decimals and Percent's | Due 3/10 |
| | | Test II Chapters 5 & 6 | Due 3/10 |
| 3/13-17 | | Spring Break (Campus Closed) | |
| 3/20 | 7.3 | Ratio, Proportions, and Variation | Due 3/31 |
| | 10.2 | Fundamental Counting Principal | Due 3/31 |
| 3/27 | 10.3 | Permutations and Combinations | Due 3/31 |
| | | Test III Chapters 7 & 10 | Due 3/31 |
| 4/3 | 11.1 | Basic Concepts | Due 4/14 |
| | 11.2 | Probability Involving (or) | Due 4/14 |
| | 11.3 | Probability Involving (and) | Due 4/14 |
| 4/10 | | Test IV Chapter 11 | Due 4/14 |
| | 12.1 | Frequency Distributions | Due 4/21 |
| 4/17 | 12.2 | Mean Median and Mode | Due 4/21 |
| | 13.1 | Simple Interest | Due 4/21 |
| 4/24 | | Core Assessment | Due 4/27 |
| 5/1 | | | |
| | | Final exam | Due 5/5 |

COURSE EVALUATION

Final grades will be calculated according to the following criteria:

- **Course Assignments** **40%**
- **Test** **60%**

GRADE SCALE

- 90-100 A
- 80-89 B
- 70-79 C
- 60-69 D
- 0-59 F

LIT does not use +/- grading scales

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Students found to be committing academic dishonesty (cheating, plagiarism, or collusion) may receive disciplinary action. Students need to familiarize themselves with the institution's Academic Dishonesty Policy available in the Student Catalog & Handbook at <http://catalog.lit.edu/content.php?catoid=3&navoid=80#academic-dishonesty>.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

The latest technical requirements, including hardware, compatible browsers, operating systems, etc. can be online at <https://lit.edu/online-learning/online-learning-minimum-computer-requirements>. A functional broadband internet connection, such as DSL, cable, or WiFi is necessary to maximize the use of online technology and resources.

DISABILITIES STATEMENT

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are federal anti-discrimination statutes that provide comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. LIT provides reasonable accommodations as defined in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, to students with a diagnosed disability. The Special Populations Office is located in the Eagles' Nest Room 129 and helps foster a supportive and inclusive educational environment by maintaining partnerships with faculty and staff, as well as promoting awareness among all members of the Lamar Institute of Technology community. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Special Populations Coordinator at (409)-951-5708 or email specialpopulations@lit.edu. You may also visit the online resource at [Special Populations - Lamar Institute of Technology \(lit.edu\)](#).

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT

It is the responsibility of all registered Lamar Institute of Technology students to access, read, understand and abide by all published policies, regulations, and procedures listed in the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook*. The *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* may be accessed at www.lit.edu. Please note that the online version of the *LIT Catalog and Student Handbook* supersedes all other versions of the same document.

STARFISH

LIT utilizes an early alert system called Starfish. Throughout the semester, you may receive emails from Starfish regarding your course grades, attendance, or academic performance. Faculty members record student attendance, raise flags and kudos to express concern or give praise, and you can make an appointment with faculty and staff all through the Starfish home page. You can also login to Blackboard or MyLIT and click on the Starfish link to view academic alerts and detailed information. It is the responsibility of the student to pay attention to these emails and information in Starfish and consider taking the recommended actions. Starfish is used to help you be a successful student at LIT.

ADDITIONAL COURSE POLICIES/INFORMATION

Course Expectations

Instructor Expectations from Students:

- Weekly email communication regarding assignment and upcoming test due dates
- Response to email/remind text within 24 (same day if received before 5pm M-Th or before noon Friday)
- Flexible office hour/ virtual help when needed.
- Weekly grade updates
- Extra credit opportunities

Professor Expectations of Students:

- **Join remind for text communication. (Directions found on Blackboard)**
- **Seek help from instructor early and often, do not wait until the last minute!**
- **Plan ahead; if you will miss an exam, make prior arrangements to take it early or schedule a make-up date at instructors' convenience**
- **When sending emails identify yourself with class and section**
- **Participate in class lecture/discussions.**