

Course Prefix/Number/Title: MATH 110 – Mathematics in Society

Number of Credits: 3

Course Description:

This course covers a broad range of mathematics that a person would encounter in their daily life. Topics include statistical interpretation, data visualization, probability, growth models, finance, politics and voting, logic and sets, and the intersection of mathematics and the arts. Throughout, appropriate use of mathematical technology will be emphasized.

Pre-requisites: ASC 93 Algebra Prep III or ASC 94 Beginning Algebra with a grade of C or higher, or appropriate math placement test score; Co-requisite: ASC 98 Math Lab depending on pre-requisite

Course Objectives:

Upon completion of the course the learner will be able to

1. Interpret statistical data and graphs, including the implications of margin of error.
2. Articulate the difference between absolute and relative change.
3. Explain the fundamental concepts of probability.
4. Compute and interpret simple probabilities.
5. Compare and contrast different growth models.
6. Apply appropriate methods to make decisions about personal financial scenarios such as budgeting, investments, debt, and retirement planning.
7. Compute bracketed taxes.
8. Compare and contrast voting and apportionment methods.
9. Demonstrate knowledge and application of the principles of logic.
10. Solve problems using Venn diagrams and sets.

Instructor: Tracy Chisholm

Office: Nelson Science Center, Room 112

Office Hours: MTWF 3-4pm or by appointment

Phone: (701) 228-5424

Email: tracy.chisholm@dakotacollege.edu

Lecture/Lab Schedule: MWF 9–9:50am

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NSC 125		NSC 125		NSC 125
9-9:50am		9-9:50am		9-9:50am

Textbook(s):

This course uses an Open Education Resource (OER) and does not require that you purchase materials to complete the work.

Course Requirements:

The sequential nature of mathematics deems it necessary for students to attend class on a regular basis, therefore one of the course requirements is regular attendance. Learning math is an investment of time. It requires practice, mistakes, and more practice. Understanding the examples provided by the instructor and resources is a good first step. However, to truly know the material, you should be able to look at a problem, know how to proceed, and carry out the steps **WITHOUT ASSISTANCE**. The homework provides opportunities for you to get to that point.

Homework: Homework will be assigned using myOpenMath linked into Blackboard. These are graded assignments with questions that can be done multiple times. Only the highest score will be used. These assignments close at 11:59 PM, Central Daylight Time on the due date. There may occasionally be in-class homework assignments. In-class assignments cannot be made up unless the absence is school related.

Module Assessments: Module assessments may happen as exams or projects.

For tests: Students are allowed one attempt on each test and must be completed in one sitting. Tests must be taken on the day they are given or previous arrangements must be made prior to the test day. **If you miss an exam you must contact me within 24 hours of the missed exam to arrange for a time to make up the exam. Exams must be made up within 72 hours of the original exam time. If you do not contact me within 24 hours, a grade of 0 will be entered for the exam that was missed. Students are only allowed to make up ONE exam per course. The exam grade will be docked 10% per day for late points. Cheating on tests will not be tolerated. If you are caught cheating, that will result in an automatic 0 for the exam.**



A = 90-100% B = 80-89% C = 70-79% D = 60-69%

Tentative Course Outline:

Module	Dates
Module 1: Problem Solving	Weeks 1-3
Module 2: Voting Theory & Apportionment	Weeks 4-5
Module 3: Growth Models	Week 5
Module 4: Finance	Weeks 6-7
Module 5: Statistics & Describing Data	Weeks 8-9
Module 6: Probability	Weeks 10-12
Module 7: Sets	Week 13
Module 8: Logic	Week 14
Module 9: Art of Mathemaics	Weeks 15-16

My final is: Monday, May 6 @ 9:00am

General Education Competency/Learning Outcome(s) OR CTE Competency/Department Learning Outcome(s):

Competency/Goal 3: Demonstrates the ability to solve a variety of mathematical problems

Learning Outcome 1: Utilizes mathematical skills to solve problems

Learning Outcome 2: Employs critical thinking skills to solve problems

Relationship to Campus Focus:

Students will explore real-world applications of mathematics in nature, economics, statistics, behavioral, social and life sciences.

Classroom Policies:

- Attendance and participation is expected. You are responsible for the activities of each class period. If you know of a conflict ahead of time, you are welcome to submit assignments early.
- Show up to class on time and be prepared (pencil, notebook, calculator, etc).
- Cell phones should be off/silenced and put away. Computers and tablets are welcome in the classroom for note-taking purposes only. If students abuse this privilege, the instructor reserves the right to ban computers from the lecture periods.

Student Email Policy:

Dakota College at Bottineau is increasingly dependent upon email as an official form of communication. A student's campus-assigned email address will be the only one recognized by the Campus for official mailings. The liability for missing or not acting upon important information conveyed via campus email rests with the student.

Academic Integrity:

According to the DCB Student Handbook, students are responsible for submitting their own work. Students who cooperate on oral or written examinations or work without authorization share the responsibility for violation of academic principles, and the students are subject to disciplinary action even when one of the students is not enrolled in the course where the violation occurred. The Code detailed in the Academic Honesty/Dishonesty section of the Student Handbook will serve as the guideline for cases where cheating, plagiarism or other academic improprieties have occurred.

Disabilities or Special Needs:

Students with disabilities or special needs (academic or otherwise) are encouraged to contact the instructor and Disability Support Services.

Title IX:

Dakota College at Bottineau (DCB) faculty are committed to helping create a safe learning environment for all students and for the College as a whole. Please be aware that all DCB employees (other than those designated as confidential resources such as advocates, counselors, clergy and healthcare providers) are required to report information about such discrimination and harassment to the College Title IX Coordinator. This means that if a student tells a faculty member about a situation of sexual harassment or sexual violence, or other related misconduct, the faculty member must share that information with the College's Title IX Coordinator. Students wishing to speak to a confidential employee who does not have this reporting responsibility can find a list of resources on the DCB Title IX webpage.