Bemidji State University

MATH 1107: Introduction to Mathematical Sciences

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *.*
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: Goal 04 - Mathematical/Logical Reasoning

This course integrates the study of algebra, statistics, and computing in a laboratory-instruction environment. Topics include functions, graphical and tabular analysis, rate of change, syntax and semantics, the process of computing, data manipulation, sampling, statistical measures, basic probability, and correlation. Examples are drawn from a wide range of disciplines and content is taught within the framework of discipline-specific examples. Students learn to use the software package Microsoft Excel. Not open to students who have completed Math 1100 or Math 1170. Prerequisites: Two years of high school algebra and an appropriate score on the Mathematics Placement Test. [Core Curriculum Goal Area 4]

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 06/02/2008 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Algebra Topics:
   - Functions
   - Graphical and Tabular Analysis
   - Linear Functions
   - Other Common Functions
2. Technology Topics:
   - Syntax and Semantics
   - Understanding Processes
   - The notion of a "variable" in computing
   - Formulas and expressions
   - Making decisions
   - Using functions
3. Statistics Topics
   - Collecting and displaying data in tabular and graphical format
   - Types of data
   - Measures of central tendency
   - Measures of dispersion
   - Shapes of distributions
   - Correlation and association
   - Brief introduction to linear regression

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. build basic algebra skills within the context of university wide discipline specific topics.
2. build basic statistics skills within the context of university wide discipline specific topics.
3. build basic technology skills within the context of university wide discipline specific topics.
4. demonstrate basic proficiencies with using Microsoft Excel to solve problems in the mathematical sciences.
E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies
   Goal 04 - Mathematical/Logical Reasoning
   1. Illustrate historical and contemporary applications of mathematical/logical systems.
   2. Clearly express mathematical/logical ideas in writing.
   3. Apply higher-order problem-solving and/or modeling strategies.

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT
   As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION
   None noted