Texas A&M University-Texarkana

MATH 597: Special Topics: Problem Solving
Course Syllabus

Effective Date: Summer 2012
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Course Number: MATH 597
Course Title: Problem Solving
Semester Credit Hours: 3SCH
Catalog Course Description: Organized class. May be repeated when topics vary. Special courses designed to cover areas of specific interest.

Pre-requisite: Approved by instructor.

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Student Learner Outcomes: After completion of this course the student will be able to:
1. Apply Techniques of Problem solving for the solution of mathematical problems.
2. Solve problems related to Numbers, Sets, and Functions.
4. Solve problems related to Induction.
5. Solve problems related to Combinatorics.
7. Solve problems related to Graph Theory.
8. Solve problems related to Recurrence Relations.

Course Objectives: The primary objective in this course is to prepare students with appropriate materials for the Problem Solving Techniques related to the solution of mathematical problems such as Numbers, Sets, Functions, Logic, Induction, Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Recurrence Relations.
In this course students will:
1. Develop a thorough understanding of the mathematics content for Problem Solving and methods for the
solution of mathematical problems such as, Sets, Functions, Logic, Induction, Combinatorics, Graph Theory, and Recurrence Relations.

2. Formulate explanations of that content in understandable terminology.
3. Develop greater facility to think about mathematics and mathematical problem solving; and become

**Complete Course Schedule:**
Week 1: Numbers Sets. Work on Homework for Chapter 1.
Week 2: Functions. Work on Homework for Chapter 1.
Week 4: Induction. Work on Homework for Chapter 3.
Week 5: Cardinality. Work on Homework for Chapter 4.
Week 6: Combinatorics. Work on Homework for Chapter 5. Test for Chapters 1-5
Week 7: Counting. Work on Homework for Chapter 10.
Week 8: Graph Theory. Work on Homework for Chapter 11.
Week 9: Recurrence Relations. Work on Homework for Chapter 12. Test for Chapters 10-12.
Week 10: Review for Comprehensive Exam and Comprehensive Exam

**Disability Accommodations:** Students with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations through the A&M-Texarkana Disability Services Office by calling 903-223-3062.

**Academic Integrity:** Academic honesty is expected of students enrolled in this course. Cheating on examinations, unauthorized collaboration, falsification of research data, plagiarism, and undocumented use of materials from any source constitute academic dishonesty and may be grounds for a grade of ‘F’ in the course and/or disciplinary actions. For additional information, see the university catalog.

**A&M-Texarkana Email Address:** Upon application to Texas A&M University-Texarkana an individual will be assigned an A&M-Texarkana email account. This email account will be used to deliver official university correspondence. Each individual is responsible for information sent and received via the university email account and is expected to check the official A&M-Texarkana email account on a frequent and consistent basis. Faculty and students are required to utilize the university email account when communicating about coursework.

**Drop Policy:** University Drop Policy: To drop this course after the 12th class day, a student must complete the Drop/Withdrawal Request Form, located on the University website [http://tamut.edu/Registrar/droppingwithdrawing-from-classes.html](http://tamut.edu/Registrar/droppingwithdrawing-from-classes.html) or obtained in the Registrar’s Office. The student must submit the signed and completed form to the instructor of each course indicated on the form to be dropped for his/her signature. The signature is not an “approval” to drop, but rather confirmation that the student has discussed the drop/withdrawal with the faculty member. The form must be submitted to the Registrar’s office for processing in person, email Registrar@tamut.edu, mail (P. O. Box 5518, Texarkana, TX 75505) or fax (903-223-3140). Drop/withdraw forms missing any of the required information will not be accepted by the Registrar’s Office for processing. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that the form is completed properly before submission. If a student stops participating in class (attending and submitting assignments) but does not complete and submit the drop/withdrawal form, a final grade based on work completed as outlined in the syllabus will be assigned.
**Evaluation:** There will be two tests, several homework assignments, and Comprehensive Exam over ALL chapters discussed in class:

Test 1: 25 %
Test 2 25 %
ALL Homework: 25 %
Comprehensive Exam 25 %

Dates for Test 1, Test 2, Homework, and Comprehensive Exam will be announced later.

Students MUST submit homework on time.

Note: The Comprehensive Exam is over ALL chapters that were discussed in class.

The final grade will be based on the following scale:

A: 90% or greater
B: 80% to less than 90%
C 70% to less than 80%
D: 60% to less than 70%
F: Less than 60%

Disclaimer: The above procedure is subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances.