

**MAT 118 Foundational Mathematics via Problem Solving II**

**Spring 2019 Section \_\_\_\_\_**

**Mondays & Wednesdays from \_\_\_\_\_**

**120 Carnegie**

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## Departmental Syllabus for

### MAT 118 Foundational Mathematics via Problem Solving II

**Course Supervisor:** Dr. Joanna O. Masingila, 230 Huntington, 315-443-4751, [jomasing@syr.edu](mailto:jomasing@syr.edu) Problems you cannot resolve with your instructor should be brought to the attention of the course supervisor.

**Course Description:** This course is one course in a two-course sequence. The course emphasizes learning through problem solving. Topics include rational number, geometric and measurement concepts. The course is restricted to students in the Inclusive Elementary and Special Education program and the Inclusive Early Childhood Special Education program.

- Textbooks:**
- (1) Masingila, J.O., Lester, F.K., & Raymond, A. M. (2011). *Mathematics for elementary teachers via problem solving: Student activity manual* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Ann Arbor, MI: XanEdu Publishing—must be purchased at the Syracuse University Bookstore. [**Note: Do not purchase used copies of this book.**]
  - (2) Masingila, J.O., Lester, F.K., & Raymond, A. M. (2011). *Mathematics for elementary teachers via problem solving: Student resource handbook* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed). Ann Arbor, MI: XanEdu Publishing—must be purchased at the Syracuse University Bookstore.

#### Required Supplementary Materials:

- 3-ring binder in which to keep daily HW, any class work not done in text, and all assignments (quizzes, papers, projects, tests)
- Folder with pockets in which to hand in HW to be graded
- calculator
- 12-inch ruler
- protractor
- compass
- colored pencils (optional)

**Course Philosophy:** The emphasis in this course is on learning mathematical concepts through solving problems, and it is our conviction that problems are best solved in a cooperative learning situation. Hence, you will often work with two to four other students, an arrangement that we believe has the following advantages:

- Group problem solving is often broader, more creative, and more insightful than individual efforts.
- Interaction with others may stimulate additional problems, insights, and discoveries.
- Students can motivate one another to excel and to accept more challenging problems.
- Motivation to persevere with a problem may be increased.
- Socialization skills are developed and practiced.

- Students are exposed to a variety of thinking and problem-solving styles different from their own.
- Students learn to depend on themselves and each other (rather than on the instructor) for problem solutions.
- Conceptual understanding is deeper and longer lasting when ideas are shared and discussed.

**Learning Outcome Goals:**

- To help you develop an adult-level perspective and insight into the nature of foundational mathematics;
- To expose you to key, recurring themes, processes, and tactics in mathematics and help you make connections among mathematical ideas through these themes, processes, and tactics;
- To improve your ability to engage in mathematical thinking, reasoning, communication, and problem solving;
- To involve you in using technology as a tool to explore and learn mathematics;
- To encourage you to become reflective doers of mathematics;
- To learn mathematics through problem solving;
- To teach you in ways that fit the vision of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics *Standards*; and
- To assess your learning in a variety of ways.

**Class Attendance, Preparation, and Participation:** In this class you will be learning mathematics by struggling with and solving problems. Attendance and participation in class is crucial, for active involvement is an integral part of this course. Preparation for each class is a must: look over previous work, attempt homework, bring required material, etc. Most class periods we will be using manipulatives and/or technological tools to explore mathematical concepts. Since much of the class is experiential, it would be impossible to derive the same benefits by merely examining someone’s class notes or reading the textbook. Thus, you are **EXPECTED TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN CLASS**. If you miss three or more classes before the first exam, or between the first and second exam, you will be unable to participate in the part of the exam that is completed in a group.

**Grading:** Your final grade in this course will be based on class participation and your performance on quizzes, midterms, the final exam (which is cumulative), in- and out-of-class projects, and your classwork and homework (units). The relative weight assigned to each is designated below:

Midterm Exams (2)	30%
Final Exam	20%
Folders	20%
Projects	20%
Quizzes, Papers, Class Participation	10%

**Midterm Exams and Final Exam:** The two midterm exams will each have a group part and an individual part. The final will be cumulative and mandatory. If you must miss an exam, it is imperative that you call before the exam begins. Reasons for missing an exam must be documentable. Each case will be handled on an individual basis. The final exam will be given on **Monday, May 6, 2019 in a two-hour block between 8:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. DO NOT MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE CAMPUS BEFORE 2:30 p.m. on MAY 6, 2019.** The specific time for MAT 118 will be announced during the semester.

**Folders:** Folders (comprised of in-class work and homework from specified chapters) will be graded on several occasions. You should hand in your classwork and the homework from the specified chapters in a folder as directed by your instructor. These will be graded for: completeness; accuracy of solutions; and quality of insight and reflection articulated in the writing responses. Always explain/show the thinking behind your answers and give examples to support your ideas.

**Projects:** You will be asked to do two group projects—a smaller one worth 5% of the final grade and a larger one worth 15%. Work on the projects will be mostly done out of class.

**Binder:** Your 3-ring binder is a very important part of the course. In general, it will contain all homework and reflective writing responses plus all class work and assignments not done directly in the textbook. The material should be kept organized and work should be done neatly.

**Quizzes:** There may be quizzes that will test your understanding of basic concepts/skills associated with the current topic. There are no make-ups for missed quizzes.

**Reflective Writing:** One important way to learn mathematics is by verbalizing your ideas through oral and written means. Thus, reflective writing is an integral part of this course and of gaining an adult-level perspective on the mathematics in this course. Your instructor may assign additional writing assignments, beyond those listed in the syllabus.

**Assessment and Grading:** A variety of alternative assessment methods are used in this course because the course has a different goal than many mathematics courses you may have had before. The goal of this course is not to have you learn formulas or to teach you to work problems on tests that are similar to those previously encountered on homework, quizzes or class work. Rather, *the goal of this course is to have you develop good understanding of key mathematical ideas and to ensure that you can communicate these ideas clearly and efficiently to others.*

**Religious Observances Notification.** The deadline for submitting your religious observances notification form(s) is the end of the second week of classes. To submit your form(s), go to MySlice/Student Services/Enrollment/My Religious Observances. Note that this process provides notification to your instructor(s) that you will not be in class, but it is your responsibility to make sure you understand each instructor's requirements for making up any missed work.

**Students with Disabilities:** If you believe that you need academic adjustments (accommodations) for a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), visit the [ODS website](http://disabilityservices.syr.edu)– <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu>, located in Room 309 of 804 University Avenue, or call (315) 443-4498 or TDD: (315) 443-1371 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting academic adjustments. ODS is responsible for coordinating disability-related academic adjustments and will issue students with documented Disabilities Accommodation Authorization Letters, as appropriate. Since academic adjustments may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact ODS as soon as possible.

Syracuse University values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. My goal is to create learning environments that are useable, equitable, inclusive and welcoming. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that result in barriers to your inclusion or accurate assessment or achievement, I invite any student to meet with me to discuss additional strategies beyond academic adjustments that may be helpful to your success.

**Academic Integrity:** The Syracuse University Academic Integrity Policy holds students accountable for the integrity of the work they submit. Students should be familiar with the Policy and know that it is their responsibility to learn about instructor and general academic expectations with regard to proper citation of sources in written work. The policy also governs the integrity of work submitted in exams and assignments as well as the veracity of signatures on attendance sheets and other verifications of participation in class activities. Serious sanctions can result from academic dishonesty of any sort. For more information and the complete policy, see <http://academicintegrity.syr.edu>

### MAT 118 - Spring 2019 - Course Schedule

The tentative course schedule is outlined below. You should come prepared for each day’s in-class activities and attempt all **A** homework before the next class. You should try to complete the **B** homework within a week of it being assigned.

**Key to abbreviations:** SAM: Student Activity Manual (main textbook)  
 SRH: Student Resource Handbook  
 EMP: Exercises & More Problems (end of each chapter in SAM)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class Activities</u>	<u>Homework</u>
Jan 14:	Activities 9.1-9.3	A: Read syllabus, SAM pp. xv-xix & SRH pp. 278-283. Do Activity 9.4. Do Ch. 9 EMP #8-9, 49a, b, 50a, b. B: Do Ch. 9 EMP #75.
Jan 16:	Activities 9.5-9.7	A: Read SRH pp. 252-263. Do Ch. 9 EMP #1-2, 4, 6-7, 24, 28-34. B: Do Ch. 9 EMP #76.

- Jan 21:           **No class – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- Jan 23:           Activities 9.8-9.9     A: Read SRH pp. 291-294. Do Ch. 9 EMP #10, 19, 23, 35.  
B: Do Ch. 9 EMP #65-67.
- Jan 29:           Activities 9.10-9.12   A: Read SRH pp. 269-272, 275, 288-290.  
Do Ch. 9 EMP #5, 11-12, 52, 54.  
B: Do Ch. 9 EMP #69, 79.
- Jan 31:           Activities 9.13-9.14   A: Read SRH pp. 295-297.  
Do Ch. 9 EMP #13-17, 36-39, 41-48, 49c, 50c, 53.  
B: Do Ch. 9 EMP #71-72, 77.
- Feb 4:            Activity 9.15            A: Do Ch. 9 EMP #51, 55-56, 60.  
B: Do Ch. 9 EMP #58, 73-74, 78.
- Feb 6:            Activities 9.16, 10.1   A: Read SRH pp. 264-268, 308-309, 314-316, 319-320.  
Do Ch. 9 EMP #25-27, 80, 82.  
Do Ch. 10 EMP #1-3, 41.  
B: Do Ch. 10 EMP #54-55.  
***Prepare/complete Ch. 9 material to be turned  
in on 2/13 for grading.***
- Feb 11:           Activities 10.2-10.3   A: Read SRH pp. 321-323.  
Do Ch. 10 EMP #7-8, 10-12, 29-30.  
B: Do Ch. 10 EMP #56-58, 67-68.
- Feb 13:           Activities 10.4-10.5   A: Read SRH pp. 340-342.  
Do Ch. 10 EMP #4-6, 13, 31-32, 47-49.  
B: Do Ch. 10 EMP #59-62, 65.
- Feb 18:           Activities 10.6-10.7   A: Read SRH pp. 317-318, 324-325.  
Do Ch. 10 EMP #33-34, 43.  
B: Do Ch. 10 EMP #66, 69-70.
- Feb 20:           Activities 10.8-10.9,   A: Read SRH pp. 302-304, 326-334.  
10.11                    Do Ch. 10 EMP #20, 42, 44.  
B: Do Ch. 10 EMP #46, 50-53.
- Feb 25:           Activities 10.12-       A: Read SRH pp. 306-3037, 335-337.  
10.13                    Do Ch. 10 EMP #14-18.
- Feb 27:           Activity 10.17           A: Read SRH pp. 345-348, 357.  
Do Ch. 10 EMP #37-39, 63.  
***Prepare/complete Ch. 10 material to be turned  
in on 3/6 for grading.***

- Mar 4:       **Exam #1** (Group Part)
- Mar 6:       **Exam #1** (Individual Part)
- Mar 11, 13:  **No classes—Spring Break**
- Mar 18:       Activities 6.1-6.3     A: Read SRH pp. 169-174. Do Ch. 6 EMP #1-6, 13-14.  
  *Work on SU Quad group project.*  
  B: Do Ch. 6 EMP #21, 43.
- Mar 20:       Activities 6.4, 6.6     A: Do Ch. 6 EMP #8-10. *Have plan for Quad group*  
  *project approved by instructor.*  
  B: Do Ch. 6 EMP #32.
- Mar 25:       Activities 6.7-6.8     A: Do Ch. 6 EMP #17, 33, 36. *Written report for Quad*  
  *group project is due.*  
  B: Do Ch. 6 EMP #44.
- Mar 27:       Activities 6.9-6.11    A: Read SRH pp. 204-209.  
  Do Ch. 6 EMP #15, 26, 29-30.  
  B: Do Ch. 6 EMP #37, 39-40.
- Apr 1:        Activities 6.13-6.14   A: Read SRH 175-177. Do Ch. 6 EMP #22-23, 27, 35, 38.  
  *Work on second group project.*  
  B: Do Ch. 6 EMP #41, 46-47.
- Apr 3:        Activities 6.15-6.16   A: Do Ch. 6 EMP #7, 11-12, 16, 19-20, 24, 45.  
  *Prepare/complete Ch. 6 material to be turned*  
  *in on 4/10 for grading.*
- Apr 8:        Activities 7.1-7.3     A: Read SRH pp. 180-183. Do Ch. 7 EMP #23, 41.
- Apr 10:       Activities 7.4, 7.6     A: Read SRH pp. 184-186. Do Ch. 7 EMP #5-10, 27-29.
- Apr 15:       Activities 7.5, 7.7     A: Read SRH pp. 187-199.  
  Do Ch. 7 EMP #2-4, 11-15, 21-22, 26.  
  B: Do Ch. 7 EMP #42-45.
- Apr 17:       Activities 7.8,  
                  7.13-7.14     A: Read SRH pp. 200-201, 220-224.  
  Do Ch. 7 EMP #16-19, 32-33, 37-38, 39-40, 46, 48.  
  B: Do Ch. 7 EMP #47. Prepare for project presentation  
  *Prepare/complete Ch. 7 material to be turned*  
  *in on 4/24 for grading.*
- Apr 22:       **Exam #2** (Group Part)

Apr 24: **Exam #2** (Individual Part)

Apr 29: Project Presentations A: Prepare for final exam.

May 6: **FINAL EXAM** *Note: the exam will be given during a 2 hr period sometime between 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.*