

Department	International College of Liberal Arts		
Semester	Spring 2025	Year Offered (Odd/Even/Every Year)	Every Year
Course Number	QREA101		
Course Title	Math for Liberal Arts		
Prerequisites	None		
Course Instructor	JHINGAN Sanjay	Year Available (Grade Level)	1
Subject Area	Quantitative Reasoning & Natural Sciences	Number of Credits	3
Class Style	Lecture	Language of instruction	English

(NOTE 1) Depending on the class size and the capacity of the facility, we may not be able to accommodate all students who wish to register for the course

Course Description	This course offers an engaging introduction to the elegance and impact of mathematical ideas. Topics covered include numbers, games, infinity, harmony and symmetry, cryptography, networks, chaos and fractals, finance, and voting theory.
Class plan based on course evaluation from previous academic year	Based on student feedback from the previous offering of this course, regular in-class quizzes will be introduced. These quizzes will help students better assess their understanding and overall progress.
Course related to the instructor's practical experience (Summary of experience)	Not Applicable.
Learning Goals	By the end of the course, student should be able to: 1. Appreciate the role of mathematics in nature, the humanities, and the social sciences. 2. Apply mathematical strategies to solve real-world problems in finance, politics, the arts, and beyond.

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(DP1) To Value Knowledge – Having high oral and written communication skills to be able to both comprehend and transfer knowledge

(DP2) To Be Able to Adapt to a Changing World – Having critical, creative, problem-solving, intercultural skills, global and independent mindset to adopt to a changing world

(DP3) To Believe in Collaboration – Having a disposition to work effectively and inclusively in teams

(DP4) To Act from a Sense of Personal and Social Responsibility – Having good ethical and moral values to make positive impacts in the world

Active Learning Methods	Problem-Based Learning/Discussion, Debate			
More details/supplemental information on Active Learning Methods	Students will be evaluated through in-class quizzes that assess their ability to apply lecture concepts to real-world problems. Active participation in class discussions, where students connect learned concepts to real-life situations, is strongly encouraged.			
Use of ICT	UNIPA for communication with instructor, accessing class materials, and tracking attendance.			
Contents of class preparation and review	Students are encouraged to access class material on UNIPA, and prepare themselves before coming to lecture.	Hours expected to be spent preparing for class (hours per week)	2 hours	Hours expected to be spent on class review (hours per week)
Feedback Methods	UNIPA, and Office 365 will be used for regular feedback to quizzes. Student can use office hours for discussion.			

Grading Criteria		
Grading Methods	Grading Weights	Grading Content
In-class quizzes	100%	Seven quizzes will be conducted during the course. See the grading rubric.

Required Textbook(s)	1. Karl J. Smith – The Nature of Mathematics - Brooks/Cole, Cengage Learning. 2. Math100: Liberal Arts Mathematics, Saburo Matsumoto (available for free download via the open education resource, LibreTexts project.
Other Reading Materials/URL	The Heart of Mathematics: An invitation to effective thinking, Edward Burger and Michael Starbird, (4th Edition) John Wiley.
Plagiarism Policy	Plagiarism is the dishonest presentation of someone else's work as one's own. Submitting the same work for multiple assignments (duplicate submission) is also considered plagiarism. Depending on the severity, plagiarism may result in failing the assignment or the course. Repeated offenses will be reported to the University, which may impose further penalties.
Other Additional Notes (Outline crucial policies and info not mentioned above)	Students are not allowed to use mobile phones or laptops during lectures. However, digital note-taking devices are permitted.

(NOTE 2) Class schedule is subject to change

Class Schedule	
Class Number	Content
Class 1	Introduction to the course, mathematics and the art of problem solving.
Class 2	Critical Thinking, "What is problem solving" (Polya's method).
Class 3	Fallacies of common language, logic, truth tables, analyzing arguments.
Class 4	Fallacies of common language, logic, truth tables, analyzing arguments. In-class quiz 1.
Class 5	Nature of sets: Sets, Subsets. Venn diagrams.
Class 6	Nature of sets: Set operations and applications. Finite and Infinite sets.
Class 7	Review of concepts. In-class quiz 2.
Class 8	Mathematics and numbers: Early numeration systems, Babylonian and Egyptian systems.
Class 9	Mathematics and numbers: Early numeration systems, Roman system. Decimal system, the Hindu Arabic numerals,
Class 10	Mathematics and numbers: Binary systems, Natural, Prime, Integers, Rational and Irrational numbers. Estimation, Big and Small numbers, Percentages and Proportions.
Class 11	A review of concepts. In-class quiz 3.
Class 12	The nature of algebra: Polynomials, Factoring.
Class 13	The nature of algebra: Equations, Inequalities, Algebra in problem solving.
Class 14	A review of concepts. In-class quiz 4.
Class 15	Mathematics and finance: Simple and Compound interest.
Class 16	Mathematics and finance: Annuities and Loans, Continuous Compounding.

Class 17	Mathematics and finance: Federal Budget and National Debt. In-class quiz 5.
Class 18	Mathematics of Chance: Probability basics.
Class 19	Mathematics of Chance: Conditional probability and Expected Value.
Class 20	A review of concepts.
Class 21	Data and Statistics: Basic Statistics, Describing Data.
Class 22	Data and Statistics: Numerical measures of Central Tendency.
Class 23	Data and Statistics: Normal Distribution. In-class quiz 5.
Class 24	Mathematics and the Arts: Projective geometry, The golden ration, Fibonacci sequence, Music, Fractals, Networks and trees.
Class 25	Mathematics and the Arts: Projective geometry, The golden ration, Fibonacci sequence, Music, Fractals, Networks and trees.
Class 26	Mathematics and the Arts: In-class quiz 6.
Class 27	Mathematics and Politics: Apportionment.
Class 28	Mathematics and Politics: Voting theory.
Class 29	Mathematics and Politics: Weighted voting. Power Index.
Class 30	A review of concepts. In-class quiz 7.