

MATH 260A: Topics in Mathematics*3 Credits, 3 hours lecture*

Problem solving in different areas of mathematics. Note: This course is intended for Education students and is not open to science students.

Prerequisites: MATH 30-1 or MATH 30-2 or permission from the Program Chair.

Instructor

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Office Hours

Monday	11:00 - 11:50
Tuesday	11:00 - 11:50
Wednesday	11:00 - 11:50
Thursday	1:00 - 1:50
Friday	11:00 - 11:50

Hours of Instruction

Tuesday	8:30 - 9:50 (CC224)
Thursday	8:30 - 9:50 (CC224)

Required Resources

No course textbook. Resources available on Moodle (<http://ilearn.keyano.ca>).

Course Outcomes

At the completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Explain what is meant by winning and drawing strategies and apply the Sprague-Grundy method to find said strategies.
- Create graphs to model a variety of problems and utilize the structure of the graphs in order to solve the problems.
- Convert between worded statements and logic notation and evaluate the truth value of a variety of compound statements.
- Analyze arguments using the theory of logic.
- Understand and apply geometric properties and relationships to determine the measure of angles and/or measure of sides within complex figures.
- Decide whether two triangles may be congruent or similar.
- Solve linear and quadratic equations using algebraic techniques.
- Apply elimination and substitution techniques to solve systems of linear equations.
- Calculate probabilities using the classical and empirical methods and describe the difference between these methods.
- Use the addition and multiplication rule to compute probabilities of events including “or” and “and”

statements.

Evaluation

Assignments	25%
Midterm Exam	25%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

A grade of C- is required for progression or transfer.

Assignments:

In any mathematics course the best way “to learn” is “to do.” The instructor can teach you about the course ideas and demonstrate the mechanics of solving the problems—and can make it look very easy—but growing adept at solving these problems will take a lot of practice and can be a struggle. Although the assignments do not count for a large part of your final grade they are essential in preparing you for the types of problems you will be solving on the exams.

Assignment completion is a requirement of the course. Failure to complete all the assignments may result in a failing grade for the course.

The assignments are sets of problems (posted on Moodle) that you will solve at home then hand in your solutions to in-class. A cover page is not required, but the assignment number, the course number, and your name should be clearly written on the front page. The solutions to the problems should be presented in the order that they were listed in the assignment. If more than one page is needed, then the pages should be stapled together (in the proper order). A late assignment may be accepted, or may incur a penalty depending on the circumstances. Once marked assignments are returned to the class, no further late assignments can be submitted.

In addition to the submitted paper copy, **a digital version of each homework set must also be uploaded to our course’s Moodle page.** If your solutions are handwritten, you may scan your work at one of the college photocopiers (such as the Library, the Skill Center, or the Info Commons), have the copier email the scan(s) to your Keyano email account, and then upload to our Moodle page.

Although you are permitted to work with other students while completing assignments, it is essential that the work you present is your own—see the section on Academic Misconduct later in this outline for more information. Presenting other students’ solutions as your own may result in serious academic penalties. If you are working together with other students on a problem, it is vital that at the end of the process YOU know how to solve the problem and that YOU write out your own solution in your own way. If there is suspicion of academic misconduct, you will be required to defend the work you have submitted.

It is recommended that you attempt the assignments yourself before talking over problems with your classmates. If you need help with a problem you can come to office hours, visit the Skill Center, and (yes) talk to your classmates. However, this does not mean looking through a classmate’s solution. Rather, it is best if you talk about the problem. If you do not understand what the problem is asking for, then it could be useful to read through the relevant sections of the course notes.

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Tests:

All tests will be written and are closed-book. For this class, basic calculators are permitted during the exams. The dates of the tests will be announced in-class and on Moodle well in advance of the test

date. The details of the topics covered by tests will be given and a sample test will usually be provided. These tests are meant to test how well you have “mastered” the subject matter. Satisfactory completion of the relevant assignment problems, reading the relevant textbook sections, and studying the course notes is the very minimum amount of work that should prepare you for the types of problems that could appear on a test. However, as the larger tests are cumulative in nature, you may be solving problems that require ideas that bridge across several sections of the course.

Grading System

Descriptor	Alpha Grade	4.0 Scale	Percent	Rubric for Letter Grades
Excellent	A+	4.0	> 92.9	Work shows in-depth and critical analysis, well developed ideas, creativity, excellent writing, clarity and proper format.
	A	4.0	85 – 92.9	
	A-	3.7	80 – 84.9	
Good	B+	3.3	77 – 79.9	Work is generally of high quality, well developed, well written, has clarity, and uses proper format.
	B	3.0	74 – 76.9	
	B-	2.7	70 – 73.9	
Satisfactory Progression	C+	2.3	67 – 69.9	Work has some developed ideas but needs more attention to clarity, style and formatting.
	C	2.0	64 – 66.9	
	C-	1.7	60 – 63.9	
Poor	D+	1.3	55 – 59.9	Work is completed in a general way with minimal support, or is poorly written or did not use proper format.
Minimum Pass	D	1.0	50 – 54.9	
Failure	F	0.0	< 50	Responses fail to demonstrate appropriate understanding or are fundamentally incomplete.

Proposed Schedule of Topics

Week	Dates	Topic
1	Aug. 29 - Sept. 2 (Classes begin Aug. 31)	Two-Player Games
2	Sept. 5 - Sept. 9 (No classes: Sept. 5)	Strategies, Sprague-Grundy Method
3	Sept. 12 - Sept. 16	Modelling Word Problems, Systems of Linear Equations
4	Sept. 19 – Sept. 23	Solving Quadratics, Graph Terminology
5	Sept. 26 - Sept. 30	Isomorphism, Euler Circuits
6	Oct. 3 - Oct. 7	Hamilton Circuits, Planar Graphs
7	Oct. 10 - Oct. 14 (No Classes: Oct. 10)	Graph Colouring, Logic: Statements and Connectives
8	Oct. 17 – Oct. 21	Midterm Exam (Oct 18) Truth Tables
9	Oct. 24 – Oct. 28	Analyzing Arguments
10	Oct. 31 – Nov. 4	Basic Geometry, Triangle Congruence
11	Nov. 7 – Nov. 11 (No Classes: Nov. 9, 10, 11)	Congruence (cont.), Similar Triangles
12	Nov. 14 – Nov. 18	Quadrilaterals, Area
13	Nov. 21 – Nov. 25	Basics of Probability, Compound Events

Week	Dates	Topic
14	Nov. 28 – Dec. 2	Independence/Dependence
15	Monday, Dec 5	Last day of class
	Dec. 8 – Dec. 19	Exam Period

Please Note:

Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

Performance Requirements and Student Services**Student Responsibilities**

As a student, it is your responsibility to contact the Office of the Registrar to complete the required forms, including the Withdraw Course or Program or a Change of Registration form. Please refer to the important dates listed in the Academic Schedule in the [Keyano College credit calendar](#). The Keyano College credit calendar also has information about Student Rights and the Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and the Code of Conduct Policies.

Student Attendance

Class attendance is helpful for two reasons: First, class attendance maximizes a student's learning experience. Second, attending class is an excellent way to keep informed of matters relating to the course administration (e.g., the timing of assignments and exams). Ultimately, you are responsible for your learning and performance in this course. It is the responsibility of each student to be prepared for all classes. Absent students are responsible for the material covered in those classes, and students must ensure they are ready for their next class, including completing any missed assignments and notes.

Academic Misconduct

Students are considered responsible adults and should adhere to the principles of intellectual integrity. Intellectual dishonesty takes many forms:

- Plagiarism or the submission of another person's work as their own,
- The use of unauthorized aids in assignments or examinations (cheating),
- Collusion or the unauthorized collaboration with others in preparing work,
- The deliberate misrepresentation of qualifications,
- The willful distortion of results or data,
- Substitution in an examination by another person,
- Submitting unchanged work for another assignment, and
- Breach of confidentiality.

The consequences for academic misconduct range from a verbal reprimand to expulsion from the College. More specific descriptions and details are found in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct section of the Keyano College credit calendar. It is the responsibility of each student to be aware of the guidelines outlined in the Student Rights and Code of Conduct Policies. To ensure your understanding of plagiarism, you may be required to complete the online [Understanding Plagiarism tutorial](#) and submit the certificate of completion.

Online Learning

Technology and internet connectivity will impact your online learning experience. You may be required to watch online videos, take online quizzes, or participate in live online classes. Live/virtual courses will be

hosted in Microsoft Teams or Zoom. For all course delivery types, you will access your course resources on Keyano's learning management system: Moodle (iLearn). Login in using your [Keyano username and password](#). Keyano College operates in a Windows-based environment and having access to the correct tools for online learning is essential. Here's a list of recommended system requirements.

Internet Speed

Minimum download and upload speeds of 10 Mbps. Recommended download speeds of 25 Mbps and upload speeds of 10 Mbps (if you are sharing your internet at home). You can check your internet speed with [Speedtest by Ookla](#).

Computer System Requirements

Microsoft Windows	Apple (Mac)
<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Windows 10 Operating System or above 4GB of RAM 10GB available hard drive storage space <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Install the Microsoft Office 365 suite (~3GB) * Microphone, webcam, and speakers (All modern laptops have these three accessories built-in.) Windows has built-in anti-virus/malware software. It is essential to install system updates to keep your device secured regularly. <p>*Microsoft Office 365 is free to Keyano students.</p>	<p>Minimum Requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mac Operating System 10.14 (Monterey) or above 4GB of RAM 10GB available hard drive storage space <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Install the Microsoft Office 365 suite (~3GB) * Microphone, webcam, and speakers (All modern laptops have these three accessories built-in.) Mac has built-in anti-virus/malware software. It is important to install system updates to keep your device secured regularly. <p>*Microsoft office 365 is free to Keyano students.</p>
<p>Recommended Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8GB of RAM Regularly back up or synchronize your files, locally or with a cloud-based storage option. <p>OneDrive is the cloud-based storage option free to students after the setup of KeyanoMail and Microsoft 365.</p>	<p>Recommended Upgrades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8GB of RAM Regularly back up or synchronize your files locally or with a cloud-based storage option. <p>OneDrive is the cloud-based storage option free to students after the setup of KeyanoMail and Microsoft 365.</p>
<p>Tablets, iPads, and Chromebooks are not recommended: they may not be compatible with the testing lockdown browsers and Microsoft Office 365.</p>	

Specific Department Requirements

Business and OA programs require Windows 10. Other programs may utilize Windows-based tools as well.

Computer Software

Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 and Read&Write for free using Keyano credentials.

Recording of Lectures and Intellectual Property

Students may only record a lecture if explicit permission is provided by the instructor or Accessibility Services. Even if students have permission to record a lecture or lecture materials, students may not

share, distribute, or publish any of the lectures or course materials; this includes any recordings, slides, instructor notes, etc., on any platform. Thus, no student is allowed to share, distribute, publish or sell course-related content without permission. It is important to recognize that the Canadian Copyright Act contains provisions for intellectual property. The [Academic Integrity Policy](#) provides additional information on Keyano College's expectations from students as members of the intellectual community.

ITS Helpdesk

If you have issues with your student account, you can contact the ITS Helpdesk by emailing its.helpdesk@keyano.ca or calling 780-791-4965.

COVID-19 We are subject to provincial, and municipal bylaws, and policies. These decisions may change pending further direction from the Alberta Chief Medical Officer, Alberta Health Services, and other provincial guidelines. To protect yourself and others, get immunized, wash your hands, wear a mask, keep your distance (2m/6 ft) and remain home when feeling unwell. For the most recent COVID-19 information, please refer to albertahealthservices.ca/COVID.

Specialized Supports The Student Services Department is committed to Keyano students and their academic success. There is a variety of student support available at Keyano. All student services are available during Keyano business hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The College is closed on statutory holidays. If you require support outside of regular business hours, please inform the support service team, and they will do their best to accommodate your needs.

Accessibility Services provides accommodations for students living with disabilities. Students with documented disabilities or who suspect a disability can meet with an Access Strategist to discuss their current learning barriers and possible accommodations. Students who have accessed accommodations in the past are encouraged to contact the department to request accommodations for the following semester. Please note that requesting accommodations is a process and requires time to arrange. Contact the department as soon as you know you may require accommodations. For accessibility supports and disability-based funding, please book an appointment by emailing us at: accessibility.services@keyano.ca.

Accessibility Services also provides individual and group learning strategy instruction for all students and technology training and support to enhance learning. You can meet with an Access Strategist to learn studying and test-taking strategies. In addition, you can schedule an appointment with the Assistive Technology Specialist to explore technology tools for learning. Book an appointment today by emailing: accessibility.services@keyano.ca

Wellness Services offers a caring, inclusive, and respectful environment where students can access free group and individual support to meet academic and life challenges. Mental Health Coordinators provide a safe and confidential environment for you to seek help with personal concerns. Our Wellness Navigator offers support with basic needs such as housing, financial and nutritional support, and outside referrals when needed. Wellness Services welcomes students to participate in group sessions that address topics including mindfulness and test anxiety throughout the academic year. Individual appointments can be made by emailing wellness.services@keyano.ca.

Library Services: provides students with research, information, and education technology supports as they engage in their studies. Library staff are available to help you online and in person throughout the semester. Librarians offer individual and small group appointments booked using the online [Book A Librarian calendar](#). The Library also provides research and subject guides to help you with your studies. To view a subject or course-specific guide, check out the complete list of online [Subject Guides](#). To start your research and access citation guides (APA, MLA, Chicago, or IEEE), visit the [Research Help page](#).

The Library's collections (including print and online materials) are searchable using [OneSearch](#). The Library offers a Loanable Technology collection to support students accessing and using technology. For an up-to-date list of technology available for borrowing, visit the Library's [Loanable Technology webpage](#). For a detailed list of library resources and services, go to www.keyano.ca/library. For all inquiries, please email askthelibrary@keyano.ca or [chat with us online](#).

Academic Success Centre: The Academic Success Centre at Keyano College (CC-119) provides **free** academic support services to registered students, such as tutoring, writing support, facilitated study groups, workshops, and study space. Academic Content Specialists are available in Mathematics, Science, Trades, Power Engineering, Upgrading/College Prep, Human Services, English, Humanities, and more. Students are encouraged to visit the Academic Success Centre to discuss study strategies and academic concerns. For additional information, please email Academic.Success@keyano.ca.

Academic Success Coach: The Academic Success Coach is located in the Academic Success Centre and works with students to develop academic success plans, time management skills, study strategies, and homework plans. For additional information, please email Academic.Success@keyano.ca.

Authorization

This course outline has been reviewed and approved by the Program Chair.

Matthew Morin, Instructor

Marie-France Jones, Chair

Date Authorized

Sandra Efu, Dean

Date Authorized

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