

MATH 1996: Topics in Mathematics: Critical Thinking for Mathematics Fall 2019

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OFFICE HOURS: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

and 2:40 – 3:10 PM or by an appointment

Section	Class Time	Meeting Days	Location	CRN Number
506	9:00-9:50 AM	Tue/Thurs.	A 141	65384

MATH 1996 COURSE DESCRIPTION: Critical Thinking for Math (2 credits) will help students develop and implement strategies for successful achievement in mathematics throughout their college career and beyond. Placement: Math 1996 is required of all students who place into Math 100.

Co-requisite: Math 100.

Math 1996 COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Develop academic skills as a foundation for college learning.
- Employ critical thinking skills in problem solving.
- Utilize multiple problem-solving strategies and methods.
- Develop a mathematical awareness of the world.
- Expand confidence in mathematical ability.

COURSE MATERIALS:

- **3-Ring binder (1-1/2 inch) 6 divider tabs, spiral (optional), notebook paper, pencil. (Binder will be shared with Math 100 course).**

ATTENDANCE/PARTICIPATION:

- You are expected to be on time to each class and stay the entire class, have the necessary course materials on hand, and participate in the group activities to receive full credit for attendance each day.

Absences: I do expect an email/notification within 24 hours of your absence. I will excuse up to 3 class days missed. Even if you miss class, you are still expected to complete **all** the in-class assignments. Unexcused absences will lower your Math 100 attendance grade by 10% each.

Your counted absences start the day you registered for the class.

Here are the reasons I may drop you from the class:

- If you miss the first week of the semester.
- If you miss 2 classes in the first two weeks.
- If you miss more than 3 consecutive class days any time during the semester
- **If you are dropped from Math 1996, you will be dropped from Math 100 as well.**

If you added late, your counted absences start the day you registered for the class.

- **EXPECTATIONS:** Students are expected to conduct themselves in a polite, courteous, professional and collegial manner. **Cell phones must be set on silent and be out of sight during class. No food or drink is allowed in the computer labs.**

Participation: Participation includes

- *Attendance.* Be present each class day.
- *In-Class Activities.* Each Chapter in Math 100 will have an associated activity in this class. These activities need to be completed in class. If you do not finish the activity, it will be collected, and you may complete it next time we meet. If you successfully complete the in-class assignment, you may begin the next assignment.
- *Questions.* Bring your questions from the homework. My job is to help you learn the material, I cannot do that unless I know where you are misunderstanding or “not getting it.”

In-class activities are worth 25 points each for a total of 400 points. These points are earned through participation and completion of activities.

Portfolio/Binder: Instructions for how to complete your portfolio for this class are available separately.

SUPPORT: If you are struggling in this course, do not be afraid to ask for help!

- **Office Hours:** See my office hours listed at the beginning of this syllabus. Feel free to come by or log in for online office hours or make an appointment to get help.
- **Form study groups:** You may work together with other members of our class.
- **Free Tutoring:** The Math Center at Valencia campus has free tutoring and open labs. Call 505-925-8907 for more information. CAPS on main campus also provides tutoring for which I can get documentation.
- **Student Services:** There are various services provided in our Student Services Department. See below about equal access. Also, we have a testing center, advising, and career placement available: [Valencia Student Services](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Equal Access: If you have a documented disability, please provide me with a copy of your letter from Equal Access Services as soon as possible to ensure that your accommodations are provided in a timely manner. It is up to you to obtain documentation of a disability. If you are a Valencia campus student, contact Equal Access Services at Valencia Campus at (505)925-8910 or [Valencia Student Services](#). If you are a main campus student you can receive documentation from the main campus Accessibility Resource Center. I will not guarantee accommodation without the appropriate documentation.

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Collegial Behavior: I expect from you respectful adult behavior. Engaging in disruptive or unruly behavior could result in your being asked to leave, at which time you will be counted absent and a referral will be sent to the Associate Dean of Student Services. Continuing to behave in this way

could result in your being dropped from the course. Disruptive or unruly behavior includes but is not limited to:

- texting or talking on your cell phone at any time during class,
- continually talking with your neighbor when we are not working on a group activity,
- working on homework from another class,
- reading material or watching media on a mobile device not related to this course or at a time that is inappropriate,
- refusing to participate in the class activities.

Plagiarism and Not Doing Your Own Work

It’s a bad idea to [plagiarize](#) or to have other people do your work for you. Refer to the UNM Student Handbook (The Pathfinder) for UNM’s policy on [Academic Dishonesty](#).

Title IX Statement: In an effort to meet obligations under Title IX, UNM faculty, Teaching Assistants, and Graduate Assistants are considered “responsible employees” by the Department of Education (see pg. 15 - <http://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-201404-title-ix.pdf>). This designation requires that any report of gender discrimination which includes sexual harassment, sexual misconduct and sexual violence made to a faculty member, TA, or GA must be reported to the Title IX Coordinator at the Office of Equal Opportunity (oeo.unm.edu). For more information on the campus policy regarding sexual misconduct, see: <https://policy.unm.edu/university-policies/2000/2740.html>

COURSE AVERAGES:

Attendance	300 points	30%
Class Participation/In-Class Activities	400 points	40%
Portfolio-Binder	300 points	30%
Total	1000 points	

Letter Grade	Overall Course Score
A	90% or better
B	80% to 89%
C	70% to 79%
CR	70% or better
NC	Less than 70%

IMPORTANT DATES:

- August 30, before 5:00 PM MT – Last day to add or change grade mode
- September 2 – Labor Day Holiday
- September 6, before 5:00 PM MT – Last day to add with form or drop without a grade
- October 10-11 – Fall Break
- November 8, before 5:00 PM MT – Last day to drop without Dean’s permission
- November 28-29 – Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 6, before 5:00 PM MT – Last day to drop with Dean’s permission and change grade mode with form

