

Mathematics / Mathematics Education 338 Section 2
Tentative Syllabus, Fall Semester 2016

Place and Time:

Section 2

M 1:00-1:50 pm, Sci. A212

W 1:00-1:50 pm, Sci. A213

Instructor and Office Hours:

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M, W, R 3:00 – 3:50pm, or by appointment

If you need to meet me, notify me in advance (check the google link). Please write **math338_section number _ student's full official name** in the subject line of the email. For example, it should look like math338_1_Full name. Use **full official name** in all communications and Webassign registration (e.g., at the end of an email). **No nick name please!**

Texts: Bassarear, T. (2012). *Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers* (5th ed.). Belmont, CA: Brooks/Cole. **(TEXT RENTAL)**

Van de Walle, J.A., Karp, K.S., & Bay-Williams, J. M. (2010). *Elementary and Middle School Mathematics: Teaching Developmentally* (7th ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson. **(TEXT RENTAL)**

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. (2000). *Principles and Standards for School Mathematics*. State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics*.

Additional Readings: will be provided as handouts (in paper or electronic version).

Materials: Scientific calculator, (you will not be allowed to use cell phones or tablets or other devices for the class), compass, protractor, ruler, colored pencils or crayons or markers

Prerequisite: Math/Math Ed. 228 or Math Ed. 229

Course Goals and Objectives: This course should provide you with the geometric and measurement skills and understanding necessary to be an effective pre-K thru sixth grade teacher of mathematics. The course content goes beyond what teachers might generally teach at those grade levels in order to give you the background and perspective to enable you to be an effective educator.

This course should expand your knowledge and understanding of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics' (NCTM) vision for mathematics teaching, as well as the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics.

This course should develop your ability to plan and implement meaningful lessons and reflect on the effectiveness of those lessons.

Course Content:

Content for this course includes basic geometric properties, constructions, angles, circles, quadrilaterals, triangles, other polygons, transformations and tessellations, area, volume, surface area, spatial visualization, coordinate geometry, Pythagorean theorem, inductive and deductive reasoning, informal proof, metric and standard measurement and problem solving. Math education content includes the NCTM process standards, geometry and measurement content standards, the NCTM principles and Common Core standards relating to geometry and

measurement. **There will be three practicum experiences and you must participate in all three.** Making up a missed practicum is your responsibility and could prove quite difficult.

Tentative Course Requirements:

1 Test/Final:

There will be a midterm and a final. The test and final dates are provided in the schedule. You should avoid making travel plan on these days. For a test you will need to let me know at least two days in advance (barring medical emergency) that you will miss the test.

2 Homework (see class responsibility #5 for more information):

Homework will include assignments from webassign website and other problems. More information about webassign will be provided. For some questions (may include problems from webassign), you will be required to write down your solution and present during class.

Webassign information:

Class Name: Math 338, Section 2

Class/Course Key: uwsp 7707 2529

3 Teaching Practicum

During the course of your time in a local school classroom, you will prepare and teach for three lessons in three days (to be assigned). The lesson plans should demonstrate creativity, knowledge of mathematics, knowledge of mathematics pedagogy, and knowledge of generally accepted pedagogical practices. The lessons plans can be related but should be essentially different. After you finish the teaching, you will write a reflection of each lesson. More specifics about this activity will be distributed later.

5 Leadership activities:

As you are all preparing for careers that are likely to involve you as an instructor, this assignment involves the preparation and leading of the discussion/activities for one of the class sessions. You will be working in group of two to prepare and lead one session (45-50 minutes). Your group is required to meet the instructor at least one week in advance to talk about your preparation (not on Fridays). **When you meet the instructor you should have your lesson prepared.** Times slots will be made by previous Sunday on google drive (remind me if you did not find it or the time slots do not work for you). Fail to meet the instructor during the previous week (or earlier) with a prepared lesson will suspend your opportunity of conducting leadership and will result in a zero point for this activity.

Leadership lesson should include a homework assignment (suggested but not required if you teach the Van De Walle book chapters) that can be finished in about 20-30 minutes. Set the due dates as the beginning of the following week's first class (unless we do not meet due to teaching practicums or other reasons). Update the due date document on google and upload the ppt on google. The leadership instructors then should collect and grade the homework assignments and send me the point grade report in google spreadsheet or excel (list student's first name in alphabet order). The homework assignments points usually are between 5 to 15 points.

5 Reading comments:

You will be required to read several chapters from the book of Van De Walle et al. and other materials. For each chapter/article you read, you need to write at least five comments, questions or reflections (but not summaries) and review at least three other people's comments (be specific). This activity will enrich discussions of these chapters. Peer reviews like this won't count: "I agree with what you said."

6 Course reflection:

You will be required to write a reflection about what you have learned from this course by the end this semester.

Note1: Peer-review of writings. For all of your writings (except #6 course reflection), for some assignments you will need to review 1-3 papers. The reviews will help the authors to write a stronger report. Thus, even though

positive encouraging comments are appreciated it is more valuable to provide the authors with constructive suggestions. Revised writings based on peer-reviews tend to receive higher points than those submitted without any insights from others. We will use google documents. Thus you need to create a google account. **Fail to complete peer-review will result in losing your points substantially.**

Class Responsibilities

1 Attendance and participation:

Attendance and full participation are very important for this course. Absences must be documented either medically or justified by other reasons considered valid by the University. Every time your absence is unexcused, you miss 2 points up to 3 absences. If you miss 4 or more classes without a valid excuse, you will not earn any credit for attendance and participation. **You are responsible for all announcements and assignments made in your absence.** Practicum experiences are required for this class. If you miss a practicum experience due to extenuating circumstances, you must make arrangements to make up a missed practicum on your own. Major emergencies will be handled on an individual basis. **Media phone devices are not to be turned on and/or used during class time.** Activities such as texting messages will result in losing your attendance and participation points (will be treated as an absence).

2 Conduct:

I will treat you as professionals and I expect the same in return.

3 Late Homework and make-ups:

No late homework will be accepted unless you have a reason that the university deems sufficiently compelling. The same is true for tests. All written assignments must be submitted on or before the time/date indicated.

4 Academic Integrity:

"Students are responsible for the honest completion and representation of their work, for the appropriate citation of sources, and for respect of others' academic endeavors. Students who violate these standards will be confronted and must accept the consequences of their actions." A description of your rights and responsibilities as a member of the UW-SP community can be found at <http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Pages/Academic-Misconduct.aspx>

Individual assessments, such as individual assignments and exams, must be completed by you alone. Work completed collaboratively must clearly identify all contributors. *When utilizing outside references, all sources must be fully and accurately cited (use APA format).* All essays should be typed, single-spaced with 1" margins on all sides. You must use 12 pt. Times New Roman font. You should learn the APA format at: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>

5 More information of assignments:

All essays should be typed, single-spaced with 1" margins on all sides. **You must use 12 pt. Times New Roman font.** You should learn the APA format at: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/2/10/>

Problems from WebAssign tend to emphasize and reward simply by getting the right answer. The written assignments measure your understanding of the methods and other mathematical aspects of the course. Correct answers are, of course, crucial, but correct answers without supporting work won't count for much here! You need to write clearly! Legible handwritten solutions are critical. Also remember to circle your final answer.

6 Disability Accommodations: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal law requiring educational institutions to provide reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities. For more information about UWSPs policies, check here: <http://www.uwsp.edu/stuaffairs/Documents/RightsRespons/ADA/rightsADAPolicyInfo.pdf>

If you have a disability and require classroom and/or exam accommodations, please register with the Disability and Assistive Technology Center and then contact me at the beginning of the course. I am happy to help in any way that I can. For more information, please visit the Disability and Assistive Technology Center, located on the 6th floor of the Learning Resource Center (the Library). You can also find more information here: <http://www4.uwsp.edu/special/disability/>

7 Religious Beliefs:

Students' sincerely held religious beliefs will be reasonably accommodated with respect to all examinations and other academic requirements. According to UWS 22.03, you must notify the instructor within the first three weeks of classes about specific dates which require accommodation.

8 Policies: UW-Stevens Point values a safe, honest, respectful, and inviting learning environment. In order to ensure that each student has the opportunity to succeed, a set of expectations for all students and instructors have been developed. This set of expectations is known as the Rights and Responsibilities document, and it is intended to help establish a positive living and learning environment at UWSP. Check here for more information: <http://www.uwsp.edu/dos/Documents/CommunityRights.pdf>

9 Extra credits: You may earn extra credits in several ways.

- a. If you volunteered to show your work on board you earn 0.5 point for each class. Even if you volunteered twice or more than twice, you earn 0.5 point for each class.
- b. No cell phone use in classroom. You earn **FIVE EXTRA POINTS** if you never display a cell phone, other mobile devices, or a laptop, in the classroom. You can keep your devices in your bag but you cannot take them out for any reason. You should follow the requirement starting at the moment you enter the room until you left the classroom when class formally ends. Break time will be counted as well.

ASSESSMENT INDICATORS (tentative):

<i>Tasks</i>	<i>counts</i>	<i>points</i>	<i>notes</i>
Attendance and Participation	N/A	30	individually
Midterm	1*100	100	individually
Final	1*150	150	individually
Lab	30	30	
Homework	varies	158	individually
Reading comments	3*4	12	2 points for each reading' comments; 1 point for review
1 Leadership lesson	1*30	30	in pairs
3 Lesson plans	3*15	45	in pairs
3 Lesson reflections	3*15	45	in pairs
total		600	

*One lesson plan and related reflection is a required element of your SOE electronic teaching portfolio. Keep both a hard copy and electronic copy for your portfolio. Points are posted in Desire2Learn. Check D2L through your "My Point" portal under Academics.

Your grade will be assigned based on the following scale:

A: $\geq 94\%$	A -: $\geq 90\%$	B+: $\geq 87\%$
B: $\geq 83\%$	B- : $\geq 80\%$	C+: $\geq 77\%$
C: $\geq 73\%$	C - : $\geq 70\%$	D+: $\geq 67\%$
D: $\geq 60\%$	F: $< 60\%$	

NOTE: The same grade will be assigned for both MATH 228 and MATH ED 228.

Besides office hours, there are many resources available to you!

MATH ROOM: Drop-in help and by appointment; SCI A113; Free!

WRITING ASSISTANCE: Drop-in help and by appointment; TLC; Free!

STUDY GROUPS: Meet with your peers on a regular basis; Free!

Estimated time needed for this course

University guidelines suggest that students may need to spend 2-3 hours of preparation outside of class for every hour spent in class. MATH 338/ M ED 338 is essentially a four-credit class, so YOU should expect to spend 8-12 hours each week devoted to studying and preparing assignments for this class. If you experience difficulty in meeting or understanding course expectations, please come in during office hours, or make an appointment to discuss this with me immediately.

Tentative Schedule – Math/Math Ed 338, section 2 Fall 2016

W	Date	Content (Bassarear Readings, etc.)	Assignments due	Notes
1	W, 9/7	Introduction & Warm-up		
2	M, 9/12	Warm-up		
	W, 9/14	sec. 8.1a, pp. 463-466, playing Tetris; different objects and their functions	Web HW1 (8.1) due on Sun. 9/25	
3	M, 9/19	sec. 8.1b, pp. 472-480, point, line, and plane; measuring angles sec. 8.1c, angles involving parallel lines		
	W, 9/21	sec. 8.2a, pp. 484-491, recreating shapes from memory; all the attributes; classifying figures sec. 8.2b, pp. 491-497, why triangles are so important; classifying triangles, triangles and Venn diagrams;	Web HW2 (8.2) due on Sun. 10/2	
4	M, 9/26	sec. 8.2c, pp. 497-503, congruence with triangles sec. 8.2d, pp. 504-509, convex polygons NCTM a (geometry), pp. 41-44, 96-102, 164-170		
	W, 9/28	sec. 8.2e, pp. 509-513, coordinate geometry		
5	M, 10/3	sec. 10.2a, pp. 619-625, what is the length of the arc; area sec. 10.2b, pp. 625-626, converting units of area; Pythagorean Theorem*	Web HW3 (10.2) due on Sun. 10/9	
		sec. 10.2c, pp. 627-630, understanding the area formula for circles; a 16-inch pizza versus an 8-inch pizza; how big is the footprint; making a fence with maximum area NCTM b (measurement), pp. 44-47, 102-107, 170-175		
	W, 10/5	construction with compass and straightedge 1 construction with compass and straightedge 2		
6	M, 10/10	construction with compass and straightedge 3 construction with compass and straightedge 4		
	W, 10/12	sec. 10.1a, pp. 606-611, system of measurement VdeW Chp19 (measurement), pp. 375-401	Web HW4 (10.1) due on Sun. 10/23	
7	M, 10/17	sec. 10.1b, pp. 611-615, developing metric sense; converting among units in the metric system Midterm review	Lesson 1 due on Fri., 10/21; peer-review and final version due on Sun., 10/23	

	W, 10/19	Midterm		
8	M, 10/24	Practicum 1 review		
	W, 10/26	Practicum 1 (assessment)		Lesson 1 reflection: draft due on Fri., 10/28; peer-review and final version due on Sun. 10/30
9	M, 10/31	sec. 8.3a, pp. 518-523, Three-dimensional figures; what do you see; connecting polygons to polyhedral; features of three-dimensional objects		Web HW5 (8.3) due on Sun. 11/6
	W, 11/2	sec. 8.3b, pp. 523-528, prisms and pyramids; different views of building sec. 8.3c, pp. 528-533, connecting two-dimensional representations to three-dimensional objects; different view of a building; isometric drawings; cross sections; nets; cylinders, cones, spheres VdeW Chp20 (geometry), pp. 402-433		
10	M, 11/7	sec. 10.3a, pp. 637-646, surface area and volume		Lesson 2 due on Fri., 11/11; peer-review and final version due on Sun., 11/13 Web HW6 (10.3) due on Sun. 11/13
	W, 11/9	sec. 10.3b, pp. 646-648, are their pictures misleading; finding the volume of a hollow box; surface area and volume		
11	M, 11/14	Practicum 2 review		
	W, 11/16	Practicum 2		Lesson 2 reflection: draft due on Fri., 11/18; peer-review and final version due on Sun. 11/20
12	M, 11/21	sec. 9.1a, pp. 543-549, transformations; congruence transformations; understanding translations		Web HW7 (9.1) due on Sun. 11/27
	W, 11/23	sec. 9.1b, pp. 549-552, understanding reflections; understanding rotations sec. 9.1c, pp. 552-558, understanding translations, reflections, and rotations; connecting transformations; transformations and art		
13	M, 11/28	sec. 9.2a, pp. 563-568, symmetry and tessellations; reflection and rotation symmetry in triangles; reflection and rotation symmetry in quadrilaterals; reflection and rotation		Lesson 3 due on Fri., 12/2; peer-review and final version due on Sun., 12/4 Web HW8 (9.2, 9.3) due on Sun. 12/4

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		symmetry in other figures sec. 9.2b, pp. 568-574, letters of the alphabets and symmetry; patterns; symmetries of strip patterns; the seven symmetries of strip patterns		
	W, 11/30	sec. 9.2c, pp. 576-579, symmetry breaking; symmetry of three-dimensional objects; tessellations	Course reflection due on Sat. 12/3	
14	M, 12/5	sec. 9.3a, pp. 595-599, similarity; understanding similarity; similarity using an artistic perspective; using coordinate geometry to understand similarity*		
		Practicum 3 review		
	W, 12/7	Practicum 3	Lesson 3 reflection: draft due on Fri., 12/9; peer-review and final version due on Sun. 12/11	Google & Dropbox
15	M, 12/12	Review		
	W, 12/14	Review		
	W, 12/21	Final exam, 8-10am		

Note:

1. Sections with * are relatively difficult to teach for leadership lessons. If you choose any of them, talk to me TWO weeks before you teach and still meet me one week before you teach.
2. Shaded sections are not available for leadership lessons due to the difficulty of the content.
3. Chapter 19 and Chapter 20 from the White book are available for leadership lessons.
4. Unless otherwise stated, Web assignment, teaching practicum assignment, and reading comments are always due midnight of the designated due dates. For example, Web HW1 (8.1) due on Sun. 9/25 means due 11:59pm.

MARK ALL DUE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR (DO NOT EXPECT ME TO REMIND YOU THESE DUE DATES).

5. Reading comments due dates

Class Dates	Content (Van De Walle Readings etc.)	Comments/peer review due dates	Note
M, 9/26	1. NCTM a (geometry), pp. 41-44, 96-102, 164-170	Sat. 9/24	Google
M, 10/3	2. NCTM b (measurement), pp. 44-47, 102-107, 170-175	Sat. 10/1	Google
W, 10/12	3. VdeW Chp19 (measurement), pp. 375-401	Sat. 10/8	Google
W, 11/2	4. VdeW Chp20 (geometry), pp. 402-433	Sat. 10/29	Google

6. Webassignment due dates

Web HW1 (8.1) due on Sun. 9/25
Web HW2 (8.2) due on Sun. 10/2
Web HW3 (10.2) due on Sun. 10/9
Web HW4 (10.1) due on Sun. 10/23
Web HW5 (8.3) due on Sun. 11/6
Web HW6 (10.3) due on Sun. 11/13
Web HW7 (9.1) due on Sun. 11/27
Web HW8 (9.2, 9.3) due on Sun. 12/4

7. Teaching practicum due dates

Lesson 1 due on Fri., 10/21
peer-review and final version due on Sun., 10/23
Lesson 1 reflection: draft due on Fri., 10/28
peer-review and final version due on Sun. 10/30
Lesson 2 due on Fri., 11/11
peer-review and final version due on Sun., 11/13
Lesson 2 reflection: draft due on Fri., 11/18
peer-review and final version due on Sun. 11/20
Lesson 3 due on Fri., 12/2
peer-review and final version due on Sun., 12/4
Lesson 3 reflection: draft due on Fri., 12/9
peer-review and final version due on Sun. 12/11

8. Other due dates: Course reflection due on Sat. 12/3;

9. In class homework assignments (such as assignments from leadership lessons) due dates will be announced in classes by leadership lessons' instructors.

