

**Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College**  
**MTH 3309**

**Survey of Basic Mathematical Theory II**

**Location:** Teleconference

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**Term:** Fall 2015

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**Day/Time:** Tuesday & Thursday / 9:30 A.M. – 10:45 P.M.

**Description:** Math 3309 will include the following topics-fractions and decimal numbers, problem solving, algebra, probability, statistics, measurement and geometry. Prerequisite- Math 3308.

**Objectives:** The student will be able to-understand and use mathematical reasoning to identify, extend and analyze patterns, understand the relationships among variables, expressions, equations, inequalities, relations and functions, understand how to use graphical and numerical techniques to explore data, characterize patterns, and describe departures from patterns, understand the theory of probability, and master the essential concepts of geometry and measurement.

**Text:** Long, DeTemple & Millman, *Mathematical Reasoning for Elementary Teachers*, Seventh Edition, AddisonWesley Longman, Inc., 2012. ISBN: 978-0-321-90099-9

**Attendance:** You are expected to attend all meetings. If you miss a session, you must make arrangements to get all notes, assignments, handouts and announcements from the missed class. Test dates are fixed and will not change. No make-up examinations will be given except for genuine emergencies. The student is responsible for providing the instructor with written justification for the emergency absence. All documentation will be reviewed and then a decision will be made. All exams will be taken at the site in which you are officially enrolled.

**Grading:** Your grade will be based on two exams (40% each) including homework folders, a manipulative activity folder (15%) and a written report (1-2 typed pages) about Carl Frederick Gauss (5%). Grades will be assigned as follows- A: 90%-100%, B: 80%-89%, C: 70%-79%, D: 60%-69%, F: below 60%.

**Schedule:** Math 3309 will cover Chapters 6 – 11, 13

Weeks 1 & 2: Fractions and Rational Numbers (The Basic Concepts of Fractions and Rational Numbers, Addition and Subtraction of Fractions, Multiplication and Division of Fractions, The Rational-Number System)

Weeks 3 & 4: Decimals, Real Numbers, and Proportional Reasoning (Decimals and Real Numbers, Computations with Decimals, Proportional Reasoning, Percent)

Weeks 5 & 6: Algebraic Reasoning and Representation (Algebraic Expressions, Functions, and Equations, Graphing, Geometry, and Algebra in the Cartesian Plane)

Weeks 7, 8 & 9: Geometric Figures (Figures in the Plane, Curves and Polygons in the Plane, Figures in Space, Networks)

Weeks 10, 11 & 12: Measurement: Length, Area and Volume (The Measurement Process, Area and Perimeter, The Pythagorean Theorem, Volume, Surface Area)

Week 13: Transformations, Symmetries, and Tilings (Rigid Motions and Similarity Transformations, Patterns and Symmetries, Tilings and Escher-like Designs)

Week 14: Statistics: The Interpretation of Data (Organizing and Representing Data, Measuring the Center and Variation of Data, Statistical Inference)

Week 15: Probability (The Basics of Probability)

**Test dates:** Exam I / October 6 / First Homework Folder Due  
Exam II / December 3 / Second Homework Folder Due  
November 24 / Carl Frederick Gauss Report Due\*  
December 1 / Manipulative Activity Folder Due (during class)

**Additional Information:**

1. Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact the Student Support Specialist on their campus.
2. Office Location: Del Rio, Room 219; Hours:  
Monday: 9 – 9:30 am, 11 – 12 pm, Tuesday: 9 – 9:30 am, 11 - 12 pm  
Wednesday: 9 – 9:30 am, 11 – 12 pm, Thursday: 9 – 9:30 am, 11 - 12 pm  
Also available anytime I'm in my office and by appointment.  
*\*\*If I am teaching at another location, I will be available at that site.*
3. Last day to drop courses with a "W" is Friday, November 13 by 4 pm.
4. \*No lecture Tuesday, November 24. Class time to work on Carl Gauss report (RGC computer labs). The report will be submitted before midnight on November 24 and e-mailed to me ([pnicosia@sulross.edu](mailto:pnicosia@sulross.edu)) as a word document.
5. Activities in ETA Cuisenaire binder for folder: (1)Decimal Draw, (2)Fractured Fractions, (3)Mismatched Circles, (4)Fraction Riddles, (5)Spin a Graph, (6)Geoboard Polygons, (7)Geoboard Tic-Tac-Toe, (8)Predict, Shake, and See, (9)Sides and Angles, (10)Spin to Win.
6. \*No lecture Tuesday, November 17. Class time for manipulative activities 1-5.
7. \*No lecture Thursday, November 19. Class time for manipulative activities 6-10.
8. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) web site is [www. tea.state.tx.us](http://www.tea.state.tx.us)

