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Mode of instruction: The lectures will be provided through recorded videos posted to the “Panopto Recordings” section of the Canvas page (go to learn.nmt.edu). You should watch one video per class day. The lab portion of the course will be held live through Zoom.


Course description: A study of plane trigonometry including the definitions of the fundamental trig functions using right angle triangle and unit circle approaches. Trig functions of any real number will be evaluated and the functions graphed along with their transformations. Trigonometric identities will be developed and demonstrated including multiple angle identities and identities developed from them. Inverse trigonometric functions will be developed and used to solve trigonometric equations. Trigonometric applications will be solved using right angle trigonometry and the laws of sines and cosines. Trigonometric methods will be applied to complex numbers and the use of 2D vectors and vector dot products.

Prerequisites: MATH 1220 passed with a grade of C- or better, or ACT Math score of at least 25.

Place in curriculum: This course is a prerequisite for MATH 1510, a New Mexico general education and institute requirement.

Homework: There will be written homework assigned every Wednesday and due the following Wednesday. Each assignment must be scanned into a single PDF and submitted through the Canvas site for this course. Homework assignments and grades will be posted on the Canvas site. No late homework will be accepted for any reason. Your lowest homework grade will be dropped.

Exams: There will be four in-class exams. Calculators and online computing programs (such as Wolfram Alpha) are allowed on homework assignments, but you may not use a calculator during exams. You will need access to a webcam during exams. If you are forced to miss an exam for a legitimate reason, please inform me before the scheduled date if this is at all possible. Unnecessary delay will diminish your chances of being allowed a make-up.

Lab: MATH 1230L is a corequisite for this class. You may register for any section of lab. It will begin the second week of classes. You will need to join a Zoom meeting live during class time.

Grading: Your grade will be determined as follows: attendance/participation 5%, homework 10%, lab 20%, in-class exams 40%, final exam 25%.

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Student learning outcomes: Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

1. Define and evaluate the trigonometric functions as functions of angle in both degree and radian measure using the definitions in terms of $x$, $y$, and $r$; as the ratio of sides of a right triangle; using the unit circle; using reference angles, commonly used $(0^\circ, 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ, 90^\circ)$ angles and using a calculator;
2. Solve right triangles, and draw a sketch in an applied problem when necessary;
3. Solve non-right triangles using the law of sines and the law of cosines;
4. Prove trigonometric identities and apply addition and subtraction, double-angle, half-angle and power reduction formulas;
5. Graph the six trigonometric functions, their transformations and their inverses;
6. Use algebraic methods, including the use of identities and inverses, to solve trigonometric equations and demonstrate connections to graphical and numerical representations of the solutions;
7. Add and subtract vectors in two dimensions, use the dot product to project one vector onto another and to determine the angle between two vectors, and solve a variety of word problems using vectors;
8. Work with polar coordinates; this includes graphing in polar coordinates and transforming an equation with polar coordinates into one with rectangular coordinates, and vice versa;
9. Work with the trigonometric form of complex numbers, including using De Moivre’s formula.