PELLISSIPPI STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER SYLLABUS  
LEARNING SUPPORT MATH: PROBLEM SOLVING  
MATH 0820  

Class Hours: 5.0  Credit Hours: 2.0  
Laboratory Hours: 2.0  Revised: Fall 2013  

NOTE: 5 Week Course  

Catalog Course Description:  
MATH 0820 builds competency in analyzing graphs, modeling, and critical thinking. The course focuses on implementing problem solving strategies and developing mathematical connections, as well as developing study skills and communicating mathematically. Successful completion of MATH 0820 satisfies the requirements for Learning Support Mathematics Competencies 3 & 5.  

Entry Level Standards:  
ACT or Compass scores and scores earned on the Pellissippi math placement test will be used to determine placement in the class.  

Prerequisites:  
Placement Test score of 4 or 5 or enrollment in or successful completion of MATH 0800  

Textbook(s) and Other Course Materials:  
License for Carnegie Learning  
Classroom Activity Packet  
Review Packet  
The TI-83 or TI-83 Plus or TI-84 graphics calculator is required. A symbolic manipulator such as the TI-89 or TI-92 is not permitted.  
Headphones/earphones for use in the Learning Commons  

I. Week/Unit/Topic Basis:  

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<td>Learning styles; email; online course; graphs of linear models; slope-intercept form</td>
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<td>Graphing lines using various methods; equations of lines</td>
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<td>Linear models in general form; graphs of linear inequalities</td>
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<td>Test; Models of linear systems; systems of linear equations</td>
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II. Course Goals*:  
The course will
A. Engage the student in substantial mathematical problem solving. VI. 1,2,4
B. Expand student understanding of mathematics through modeling real-world situations. VI. 1,3,4
C. Foster the ability to read, write, listen to, and speak mathematics. I. 1,2,6
D. Use appropriate technology to enhance mathematical thinking and understanding and to judge the reasonableness of results. VI. 2,5; VII. 1,4,5,6
E. Build the skills to perform arithmetic operations, as well as reason and draw conclusions from numerical information. VI. 1,2,6
F. Build the skills to select, use, and translate among mathematical representations – numerical, graphical, symbolic, and verbal – to organize information and solve problems using a variety of techniques. VI. 1,2,6
G. Increase student tenacity and confidence in the ability to use mathematics. VI. 3,4

*Roman numerals after course objectives reference TBRs general education goals.

III. Expected Student Learning Outcomes*:

Students will be able to:

1. Apply various strategies – pictorial, numeric, algebraic, and graphical - to solve real world problems A,B,C,D,E,F,G
2. Write linear equations and inequalities to model real world problems. B,C,F,G
3. Create a table of values and use to graph a linear equation in two variables. D,E,F
4. Choose appropriate graph bounds and intervals. B,D,F,G
5. Plot points on a graph using coordinates. F
6. Identify and find independent and dependent values numerically, algebraically, or graphically in real world problems. A,B,C,D,E,F,G
7. Graph linear equations in two variables using the slope and y-intercept, two points, or two intercepts. D,E,F
8. Graph horizontal and vertical lines and inequalities. E,F
9. Graph linear inequalities in two variables. A,B,C,D,E,F
10. Identify x-intercepts, y-intercepts, coordinates of other points, and slopes of linear functions from graphs. C,F
11. Calculate the slope of a line given two points. E,F
12. Identify the starting point, rate of change, and coordinates of a point in real world problems. B,C,F,G
13. Interpret slope as a rate of change in real world problems. A,B,C,E,F,G
14. Write linear equations in two variables given two points, slope and one point, or one point
and the equation of a parallel or perpendicular line. D,E,F

15. Transform linear equations to slope-intercept form. D,E,F


17. Evaluate expressions to find dependent values; solve linear equations to find independent values. A,D,E,F

18. Find the point of intersection in a system of equations or inequalities. A,D,E,F

19. Determine whether an ordered pair is a solution to a system of equations or inequalities. D,E,F

20. Solve systems of linear equations using substitution. A,D,E,F

21. Solve systems of linear equations using elimination. A,D,E,F

22. Graph systems of inequalities in two variables and identify intersecting regions. A,D,E,F

23. Solve systems of equations with no solution. D,E,F

24. Interpret the solution of a system of equations or inequalities in real world problems. A,B,C,F,G

* Capital letters after Expected Student Learning Outcomes reference the course goals listed above.

IV. Evaluation:

A. Testing Procedures:

Students must score at least 80% on each test to complete the course.

B. Laboratory Expectations:

Students will work in the Learning Commons to complete interactive mathematics instruction and other activities based on various learning styles.

C. Field Work:

N/A

D. Other Evaluation Methods:

The grade for the course will be determined by points earned on the tests and the course requirements grade. Classroom attendance, classroom participation, assignments, and Learning Commons’ attendance determine a student’s Course Requirements Grade (CRG). Students will not be allowed to take a test if their current Course Requirements Grade is below 80%.

Final Grade:

Tests: 2/3
CRG: 1/3

E. Grading Scale:

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A &= 94 - 100 \\
B &= 87 - 93
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V. Policies:

A. Attendance Policy:

Pellissippi State expects students to attend all scheduled instructional activities. As a minimum, students in all courses (excluding distance learning courses) must be present for at least 75 percent of their scheduled class and laboratory meetings in order to receive credit for the course. Individual departments/programs/disciplines, with the approval of the vice president of Academic Affairs, may have requirements that are more stringent. In very specific circumstances, an appeal of the policy may be addressed to the head of the department in which the course was taken. If further action is warranted, the appeal may be addressed to the vice president of Academic Affairs.

B. Academic Dishonesty:

Academic misconduct committed either directly or indirectly by an individual or group is subject to disciplinary action. Prohibited activities include but are not limited to the following practices:

- Cheating, including but not limited to unauthorized assistance from material, people, or devices when taking a test, quiz, or examination; writing papers or reports; solving problems; or completing academic assignments.
- Plagiarism, including but not limited to paraphrasing, summarizing, or directly quoting published or unpublished work of another person, including online or computerized services, without proper documentation of the original source.
- Purchasing or otherwise obtaining prewritten essays, research papers, or materials prepared by another person or agency that sells term papers or other academic materials to be presented as one’s own work.
- Taking an exam for another student.
- Providing others with information and/or answers regarding exams, quizzes, homework or other classroom assignments unless explicitly authorized by the instructor.
- Any of the above occurring within the Web or distance learning environment.

Please see the Pellissippi State Policies and Procedures Manual, Policy 04:02:00 Academic/Classroom Conduct and Disciplinary Sanctions for the complete policy.

C. Accommodations for disabilities:

Students that need accommodations because of a disability, have emergency medical information to share, or need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated should inform the instructor immediately, privately after class or in her or his office. Students must present a current accommodation plan from a staff member in Services for Students with Disabilities (SSWD) in order to receive accommodations in this course. Services for Students with Disabilities may be contacted by sending email to disabilityservices@pstcc.edu, or visiting Goins 127, 132, 134, 135, 131. More information is available at http://www.pstcc.edu/sswd/.

D. Other Policies:

In addition to other possible disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed as a result of academic misconduct, the instructor has the authority to assign either (1) an F or zero for the assignment or (2) an F for the course.
Cell Phones: Cellular telephones and other devices with photographic imaging capabilities must be turned off and cannot be visible during any Pellissippi State instructional or testing activity. Students who violate this policy during an instructional activity will be asked to leave the classroom or other instructional area; a violation of the policy during a test or other evaluation activity will be considered cheating and the student will be given a zero for that activity or an F for the module.

Withdrawal: Students placed and enrolled in a Learning Support course are not permitted to withdraw except for serious documented circumstances. Students wishing to withdraw should discuss this matter first with their mathematics instructor and then must confer with a counselor. The counselor will notify the student of the decision to allow him or her to withdraw.