

**University of the West of Scotland
Module Descriptor**

Session: 2022/23

Title of Module: Introductory Mathematics A			
Code: MATH06001	SCQF Level: 6 (Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework)	Credit Points: 10	ECTS: (European Credit Transfer Scheme)
School:	School of Computing, Engineering and Physical Sciences		
Module Co-ordinator:	Ryan P. Meeten		
Summary of Module			
<p>This level 6, 10-credit module covers the essential topics required to equip students with the skills needed to begin to study calculus at the level of an incoming university student in STEM, which will be undertaken in Introductory Mathematics B.</p> <p>The module will begin with a review of fundamental algebra techniques, such as manipulating expressions, laws of indices, rearranging equations, solving and graphing linear equations and quadratics, and will introduce the concept of a function. The idea of logarithms will be discussed, including their properties and how they can be applied to solve problems involving exponential growth or decay.</p> <p>A review of trigonometry will follow, beginning with right-angled triangles, Pythagoras' Theorem, and the basic trigonometric ratios sine, cosine and tangent. The law of sines and the law of cosines will be briefly discussed.</p> <p>After reviewing the essentials of trigonometry, the module will take up the study of circles and examine the interplay between circles and triangles. This allows one to extend the definitions of the basic trigonometric functions to the more sophisticated unit circle definitions. The radian will be discussed, which is the most natural way to measure angles.</p> <p>The module will end with a treatment of vectors, and how to relate the geometric interpretation of a vector as an oriented length to its algebraic description in terms of components. Both geometric and algebraic viewpoints for performing arithmetic with vectors will be shown, and the concept of projections and the dot product will be investigated.</p>			

Module Delivery Method					
Face-To-Face	Blended	Fully Online	HybridC	HybridO	Work-based Learning
	✓				
<p>Face-To-Face Term used to describe the traditional classroom environment where the students and the lecturer meet synchronously in the same room for the whole provision.</p> <p>Blended A mode of delivery of a module or a programme that involves online and face-to-face delivery of learning, teaching and assessment activities, student support and feedback. A programme may be considered “blended” if it includes a combination of face-to-face, online and blended modules. If an online programme has any compulsory face-to-face and campus elements it must be described as blended with clearly articulated delivery information to manage student expectations</p> <p>Fully Online Instruction that is solely delivered by web-based or internet-based technologies. This term is used to describe the previously used terms distance learning and e learning.</p> <p>HybridC Online with mandatory face-to-face learning on Campus</p> <p>HybridO Online with optional face-to-face learning on Campus</p> <p>Work-based Learning Learning activities where the main location for the learning experience is in the workplace.</p>					

Campus(es) for Module Delivery						
The module will normally be offered on the following campuses / or by Distance/Online Learning: (Provided viable student numbers permit)						
Paisley:	Ayr:	Dumfries:	Lanarkshire:	London:	Distance/Online Learning:	Other:
✓						

Term(s) for Module Delivery					
(Provided viable student numbers permit).					
Term 1		Term 2		Term 3	✓

Learning Outcomes: (maximum of 5 statements)	
<p>On successful completion of this module the student will be able to:</p> <p>L1. Demonstrate fluency with essential algebraic techniques</p> <p>L2. Manipulate logarithms and use them to solve problems involving exponential growth or decay</p> <p>L3. Understand the concept of a function; know the general appearance and basic properties of some standard elementary functions</p> <p>L4. Recall and apply key theorems in trigonometry, work with radians, and convert between radians and degrees</p> <p>L5. Work with vectors algebraically and appreciate the associated geometrical interpretation</p>	
Employability Skills and Personal Development Planning (PDP) Skills	
SCQF Headings	During completion of this module, there will be an opportunity to achieve core skills in:
Knowledge and Understanding (K and U)	SCQF Level 6 Students will obtain essential foundational knowledge for studying numerate disciplines at university level.
Practice: Applied Knowledge and Understanding	SCQF Level 6 The topics covered in this module will ensure that students have the necessary skills in algebra and geometry to begin their study of calculus or succeed in other numerate disciplines.
Generic Cognitive skills	SCQF Level 6 Students will enhance their numeracy and logic abilities, as well as their overall preparedness for university study.
Communication, ICT and Numeracy Skills	SCQF Level 6 Collaborative group working at the whiteboard during tutorial sessions will be encouraged. Peer teaching will happen naturally during these interactions. Students will also be shown the GeoGebra software for graphing and manipulating geometric objects.
Autonomy, Accountability and Working with others	SCQF Level 6 Those choosing to attend this summer school module will have already displayed ownership of their own learning. These qualities will be further developed, with students being encouraged to identify and address their own knowledge gaps, thereby solidifying their mathematical foundations in preparation for future study. The importance of academic honesty will be instilled throughout the module.

Pre-requisites:	Before undertaking this module the student should have undertaken the following:	
	Module Code:	Module Title: N/A
	Other:	
Co-requisites	Module Code:	Module Title: N/A

* Indicates that module descriptor is not published.

Learning and Teaching	
Learning Activities During completion of this module, the learning activities undertaken to achieve the module learning outcomes are stated below:	Student Learning Hours (Normally totalling 200 hours): (Note: Learning hours include both contact hours and hours spent on other learning activities)
Lecture/Core Content Delivery	9
Tutorial/Synchronous Support Activity	9
Laboratory/Practical Demonstration/Workshop	
Independent Study	12
**Indicative Resources: (eg. Core text, journals, internet access)	
<p>The following materials form essential underpinning for the module content and ultimately for the learning outcomes:</p> <p>Module materials will be sufficient and self-contained, however any textbook in introductory level university mathematics will contain all topics in this module. We will make use of the free resources are openstax Algebra & Trigonometry (2nd edition) and openstax Precalculus (2nd edition).</p>	
<p>(*N.B. Although reading lists should include current publications, students are advised (particularly for material marked with an asterisk*) to wait until the start of session for confirmation of the most up-to-date material)</p>	
Engagement Requirements	
<p>In line with the Academic Engagement Procedure, Students are defined as academically engaged if they are regularly engaged with timetabled teaching sessions, course-related learning resources including those in the Library and on the relevant learning platform, and complete assessments and submit these on time. Please refer to the Academic Engagement Procedure at the following link: Academic engagement procedure</p>	

Supplemental Information

Programme Board	CEPS School Board
Assessment Results (Pass/Fail)	No – graded
Subject Panel	Physical Sciences
Moderator	Raymond Carragher
External Examiner	Paul Wilson
Accreditation Details	N/A
Changes/Version Number	V 1.0

Assessment: (also refer to Assessment Outcomes Grids below)

Open book individual class test (online) (100%)

(N.B. **Assessment Outcomes Grids** for the module (one for each component) can be found below which clearly demonstrate how the learning outcomes of the module will be assessed.

Assessment Outcome Grids (Footnote A.)

Component 1							
Assessment Type (Footnote B.)	Learning Outcome (1)	Learning Outcome (2)	Learning Outcome (3)	Learning Outcome (4)	Learning Outcome (5)	Weighting (%) of Assessment Element	Timetabled Contact Hours
Class Test	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	100	3
Combined Total For All Components						100%	3

Footnotes

- A. Referred to within Assessment Section above
- B. Identified in the Learning Outcome Section above

Note(s):

1. More than one assessment method can be used to assess individual learning outcomes.
2. Schools are responsible for determining student contact hours. Please refer to University Policy on contact hours (extract contained within section 10 of the Module Descriptor guidance note).
This will normally be variable across Schools, dependent on Programmes &/or Professional requirements.

Equality and Diversity

The module is suitable for any student satisfying the pre-requisites.

[UWS Equality and Diversity Policy](#)

(N.B. Every effort will be made by the University to accommodate any equality and diversity issues brought to the attention of the School)