Syllabus
University of New Mexico Valencia Campus
Mathematics for Elementary and Middle School Teachers III
Math 215
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Course Description: Topics to be covered in Math 215 include; probability, statistics, algebra, measurement, coordinate
gometry, applications in mathematics, elements of logic and introduction to computers. Multiple modes of teaching and
essment will be used using the NCTM Standards as a guide. The goal of this course is to gain a deep understanding of
the mathematical concepts through a hands-on, project based approach.

Prerequisite: C or better in Math 111 and Math 112

Edition, scientific calculator, graph paper, and ruler

Attendance Policy: Students are expected to attend class regularly. Being absent 15% of the total class hours is considered
excessive. A record of attendance will be kept by the instructor. One or more group projects will be done each class. The
benefit of working with a group and learning from group members with hands-on materials is hard to simulate outside of
class. Therefore, no late work will be accepted; however, at least one project grade will be dropped before computing your
final grade.

Grading Policy: Grades will be based on the following:

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<td>Exams</td>
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<td>Group Projects and HW</td>
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<td>Portfolio*</td>
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<td>Final Exam</td>
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* If you have no absences, you may be excused from doing the portfolio.

Requirements:

1. **Attend class and participate.** The goal of this class is to understand the mathematical concepts. Many
different pedagogical approaches will be used to help you understand the mathematical content. Calculators, computers
and manipulatives will be used extensively. You will participate in numerous group projects and exploratory lessons.

2. **Homework assignments will be given from the textbook to reinforce the concepts learned in class. The assigned
exercises are considered the minimum requirement for each section. Textbook assignments are meant to be self-
checking. Students are expected to attempt all problems. Students will have the opportunity to meet with classmates
each class to discuss homework and selected problems will be done in class. Students should also seek assistance if
necessary from the instructor, other students, or a tutor in the Enrichment Center. All homework assignments should be
completed at the time of the exam. Homework will be collected the day of the exam.

3. **All exams must be taken on the date scheduled.** Arrangements must be made with the instructor if an
emergency situation arises which prohibits you from taking a scheduled exam.

4. **Keep an organized notebook that includes all notes, journal entries, assignments and projects.**
5. Stay current on all assignments. The schedule is tentative and additions or deletions may be made in class. 
(Note: You may find it helpful to exchange phone numbers with a classmate in case you miss a class.)

Major Course Objectives:
1. The student will do experiments in class to determine probabilities.
2. The student will use stem and leaf plots, frequency tables, pictographs, and circle graphs to depict statistics.
3. The student will determine the mean, median, and mode for a data set.
4. The student will calculate and understand the meaning of the standard deviation and the variance from a set of data.
5. The student will graph functions.
6. The student will translate words into algebraic expressions, translate tables and graphs into equations.
7. The student will solve problems with formulas, tables, and graphs.
8. The student will explore the use of computers.
9. The student will investigate systems of measurement and use them.
10. The student will learn how to find area, volumes, and lengths for various figures.

* Students with special needs please see me as soon as possible to ensure that needs are met in a timely manner.

Tentative Course Outline

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<td>Group Project: Exploring Area and Perimeter with Geoboards</td>
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<td>Group Project: Discovering the Pythagorean Theorem</td>
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<td>Finish Measurement</td>
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<td>Group Project: Algebra Tile Explorations</td>
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<td>Group Project: Chalk Board Globs Game</td>
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Chapter 11

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Project: Explorations with Graphing Calculators and CBL
Group Project: Identifying Qualitative Graphs

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EXAM 2

3/13
Chapter 12 Statistics
Introduction to Graphs
Homework: Watch Cartoons
3/16 – 3/23 Spring Break

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3/27
Chapter 12 Statistics
Group Project: Cartoon Graphs
Group Project: Data Abuse
Group Project: What Color are You Wearing?

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4/3
Chapter 12 Statistics
Project: How Long is Your Name?
Group Project: Using calculators to explore averages and standard deviation

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4/10
Group Project: How Many Tiles Are in the Bag
Chapter 13 Probability
Group Project: Happy Birthday Explorations
Group Project: Exploring Probability with M&M’s

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EXAM 3 Statistics

4/17
Chapter 13 Probability
Group Project: Two Dice Sum Game
4/19 Last day to withdraw without approval

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4/24
Chapter 13 Probability
Group Project: Rock, Paper, Scissors
Take Home Probability Test

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Probability Test DUE (Make copy before you turn it in, because we will go over the correct answers in class.)
Review for Final

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FINAL EXAM Thursday, May 8, 3:00-500

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