# Assessment Data Mathematical, Information and Computer Sciences Cross-Disciplinary Studies Mathematics 

## Learning Outcome:

MTH213: Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics I

- Students will be able to demonstrate a facility with operations on the integers (1b, 1c).
- Students will be able to demonstrate a facility with operations on the rational numbers (1b, 1c).
- Students will be able to apply concepts from number theory to solve problems (1a, 1b, 1c).

MTH223: Fundamentals of Elementary Mathematics II

- Students will be able to construct geometric figures using a compass and straight edge (1b, 1c).
- Students will be able to select and use the appropriate units for computing length, area and volume (1b, 1c).
- Students will be able to distinguish between the appropriate uses of probability and statistics to solve problems (1a, 1b, 1c).


## Outcome Measure:

The learning outcomes are measured by placing standard problems in the final exams for each of the two courses.

## Criteria for Success:

Average class score of 2.5 or higher for each problem. Note that all students' work is scored because the School of Education needs a score for each student as part of their compliance reporting.

0 Unsatisfactory - Completely Incorrect
1 Low Satisfactory - Missed more than one key concept or step
2 Satisfactory - Missed one key concept or step
3 High Satisfactory - Made a minor error
4 Outstanding - Completely correct

## Longitudinal Data:

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|  | Students will be able <br> to demonstrate a <br> facility with <br> operations on the <br> integers (1b, 1c). | Students will be able <br> to demonstrate a <br> facility with <br> operations on the <br> rational numbers (1b, <br> 1c). | Students will be able <br> to apply concepts <br> from number theory <br> to solve problems (1a, <br> 1b, 1c). |
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| Fall 2008 | 3.40 | 2.96 | 3.16 |
| Fall 2009 | 3.96 | 3.67 | 3.00 |
| Fall 2010 | 3.78 | 4.00 | 3.66 |
| Fall 2011 | 3.07 | 3.61 | 2.70 |
| Fall 2012 | 3.28 | 3.72 | 2.93 |
| Fall 2013 | 3.29 | 3.44 | 3.47 |
| Fall 2014 | $\mathbf{3 . 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 9 8}$ |
| Fall 2015 | $\mathbf{2 . 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 2 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4 2}$ |
| Fall 2016 | $\mathbf{2 . 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1 4}$ |
| Fall 2017 | $\mathbf{2 . 5 8}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 6 7}$ |

*Bold classes taught using blended pedagogy

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| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Students will be able <br> to construct <br> geometric figures <br> using a compass and <br> straight edge (1b, 1c). | Students will be able <br> to select and use the <br> appropriate units for <br> computing length, <br> area and volume (1b, <br> 1c). | Students will be able <br> to distinguish <br> between the <br> appropriate uses of <br> probability and <br> statistics to solve <br> problems (1a, 1b, 1c). |
| Spring 2009 | 4.00 | 2.32 | 3.11 |
| Spring 2010 | 3.29 | 3.25 | 3.78 |
| Spring 2011 | 2.78 | 3.03 | 3.86 |
| Srping 2012 | 3.70 | 2.50 | 1.81 |
| Spring 2013 | 3.39 | 3.03 | 2.30 |
| Spring 2014 | $\mathbf{3 . 5 9}$ | 2.78 | 1.80 |
| Spring 2015 | $\mathbf{2 . 5 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 4 5}$ | 3.58 |
| Spring 2016 | $\mathbf{1 . 5 3}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 5 7}$ |
| Spring 2017 | $\mathbf{2 . 4 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 . 5 7}$ |
| Spring 2018 |  | $\mathbf{2 . 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 7 1}$ |

## Conclusions Drawn from Data:

It is interesting to note that the course sequence was changed to be blended ( $50 \%$ online) in the 2014-15 academic year. Student outcomes appear to have remained roughly constant between the two types of pedagogy. We are seeing some variation in the learning outcomes but it is not clear if it is due to pedagogy or simply the variation in the students in the courses. We are continuing to monitor the learning outcomes.

Students appear to have some challenges in number theory, geometric constructions and in measurements.

## Changes to be Made Based on Data:

The class is now being taught in a blended format and the material covered is aligned with the Common Core. We need to continue to monitor students' ability to learn with a blended format. We are finding (via surveys) that students are spending much more time on task with the blended format, but they are also complaining about "having to teach themselves." The courses are being redesigned during the summer of 2018 because the publisher has introduced a new version of the textbook. This redesign will include making use of the input from assessment and specific areas where students are experiencing challenges.

## Rubric Used

MTH213 Cross Disciplinary Studies Learning Outcomes Rubric

|  | Unsatisfactory | Low Satisfactory | Satisfactory | High Satisfactory | Outstanding |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Students will be <br> able to <br> demonstrate a <br> facility with <br> operations on the <br> integers (1b, 1c). | Completely <br> incorrect | Missed more than <br> one key step or <br> concept | Missed one key <br> step or concept | Made a minor error | Completely correct |
| Students will be <br> able to <br> demonstrate a <br> facility with <br> operations on the <br> rational numbers <br> (1b, 1c). | Completely <br> incorrect | Missed more than <br> one key step or <br> concept | Missed one key <br> step or concept | Made a minor error | Completely correct |
| Students will be <br> able to apply <br> concepts from <br> number theory to <br> solve problems (1a, <br> 1b, 1c). | Completely <br> incorrect | Missed more than <br> one key step or <br> concept | Missed one key <br> step or concept | Made a minor error | Completely correct |

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| Students will be <br> able to construct <br> geometric figures <br> using a compass <br> and straight edge <br> (1b, 1c). | Completely <br> incorrect | Missed more than <br> one key step or <br> concept | Missed one key <br> step or concept | Made a minor error | Completely correct |
| Students will be <br> able to compute <br> area and volume <br> (1b, 1c). | Completely <br> incorrect | Missed more than <br> one key step or <br> concept | Missed one key <br> step or concept | Made a minor error | Completely correct |
| Students will be <br> able to use <br> probability and <br> statistics to solve <br> problems (1a, 1b, <br> 1c). | Completely <br> incorrect | Missed more than <br> one key step or <br> concept | Missed one key <br> step or concept | Made a minor error | Completely correct |

