

Course Description:

This course is designed to prepare students for mathematics coursework in postsecondary settings. Topics addressed in this course include problem solving with two- and three-dimensional geometry figures, measurement systems, and basics of financial mathematics.

Course Objectives:

- Analyze contextual problems to determine appropriate models and find solutions.
- Analyze units in contextual situations to solve contextual problems.
- Calculate the annual interest rate and the annual yield for an account.
- Convert measurements within and between different systems of measurement.
- Explain problem solving processes, solutions, and rationale used in solving mathematical and contextual problems.
- Solve problems related to loan values or costs and amortization schedules.
- Solve problems related to values of annuities.
- Solve real-life problems related to the return on investments that earn compound interest.
- Solve real-life problems related to two- and three-dimensional figures.

Required Materials:

In course.

Schedule of Work:

Unit 1: Math Practices

- Texts (Lessons 1-5)
 - A Process for Solving Problems
 - Developing a Problem-Solving Plan
 - Types of Math Models
 - Solving Problems with Modeling
 - Choosing Formulas
 - Solving Problems Using Formulas and Equations
 - Evaluating Problem-Solving Plans
 - Problem-Solving Example
 - Multiple Solutions
 - Justifying Solutions
- Workbook Assessments (Lessons 1-5)
- Discussion Board: Modeling Problems (Lesson 2)
- Checkpoints (Lesson 2, Lesson 4)
 - Modeling and Solving Problems
 - Formulas and Evaluating Problem-Solving Plans
- Unit Exam: Math Practices (Lesson 5)

Unit 2: Composite Figures

- Texts (Lessons 6-10)
 - Two-Dimensional Figures
 - Measurements and Finding Perimeter

- Perimeters of Composite Figures
- Measurements and Finding Area
- Areas of Composite Figures
- Three-Dimensional Figures
- Finding Surface Area
- Surface Areas of Composite Figures
- Measurements and Finding Volume
- Volumes of Composite Figures
- Problem Solving: Composite Figures
- Example: Composite Figures
- Workbook Assessments (Lessons 6-10)
- Checkpoints (Lessons 6-9)
 - Perimeter
 - Area
 - Surface Area
 - Volume
- Unit Exam: Composite Figures (Lesson 10)

Unit 3: Unit Analysis

- Texts (Lessons 11-15)
 - Types of Measurements and Units
 - Using Appropriate Units
 - Converting US Customary Units
 - More Than One Conversion Factor (US Customary Units)
 - Converting Metric Units
 - More Than One Conversion Factor (Metric Units)
 - Converting US Customary Units to Metric Units
 - Converting Metric Units to US Customary Units
 - Unit Conversions with Problem Solving
 - Using Units to Guide Problem Solving
- Workbook Assessments (Lessons 11-15)
- Checkpoints (Lessons 12-14)
 - Measurements and US Customary Units
 - Metric Units
 - Converting between Systems
- Unit Exam: Unit Analysis (Lesson 15)

Unit 4: Investments

- Texts (Lessons 16-20)
 - Basics of Money
 - Basics of Investments
 - Simple Interest
 - Return on Investment
 - Exponential Growth
 - Compound Interest
 - Comparing Investments
 - Problem Solving: Choosing an Investment
 - Calculating Annual Percentage Yield

- Calculating Annual Interest Rate
- Workbook Assessments (Lessons 16-20)
- Checkpoints (Lessons 17-19)
 - Investments, Simple Interest, and Return on Investment
 - Interest and Exponential Growth
 - Compound Interest and Choosing Investments
- Project: Rent or Own a Home (Lesson 18, Lesson 19)
- Unit Exam: Investments (Lesson 20)

Unit 5: Loans

- Texts (Lessons 21-25)
 - Basics of Loans
 - Amortization
 - Basics of Car Loans and Mortgages
 - Calculating Loan Payments
 - Interest on Loans
 - Down Payments
 - Problem Solving with Loans
 - Example: Choosing a Loan
 - Basics of Credit Cards
 - Costs of Credit Cards
- Workbook Assessments (Lessons 21-25)
- Checkpoints (Lesson 22, Lesson 24)
 - Loans and Monthly Payments
 - Interest, Down Payments, and Problem Solving
- Project: Rent or Own a Home (Lesson 23, Lesson 24)
- Unit Exam: Loans (Lesson 25)

Unit 6: Annuities

- Texts (Lessons 26-28)
 - Basics of Annuities
 - Annuities as Investments
 - Future Value of an Ordinary Annuity
 - Future Value of an Annuity Due
 - Present Value of an Ordinary Annuity
 - Present Value of an Annuity Due
- Workbook Assessments (Lessons 26-28)
- Checkpoints (Lesson 27, Lesson 28)
 - Future Values of Annuities
 - Present Values of Annuities
- Course Review (Lesson 29)
- Final Exam (Lesson 30)