



Course Syllabus: Foundations of Geometry

College of Science, Mathematics and Engineering

Math 3133 Section 101

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Course Description

Concepts from Euclidean geometry, including congruence, similarity, parallel postulates, constructions and transformations.

Textbook & Instructional Materials

For this course you will need WebAssign associated with the textbook Elementary Geometry for College Students by Alexander and Koeberlein, 7th edition.

Required digital materials for this course are part of the Courseware Access and Affordability Program at MSU Texas. Student are charged for required course materials on their student account with the Business Office. Any students who wish to opt-out of the Program and purchase the required course materials on their own must follow the opt-out instructions which are sent to the students' official my.msutexas.edu email address after the first day of class. Please contact the MSU Bookstore if you have any questions about the opt-out process.

Computer Requirements

Homework for this course requires you to have access to a computer (with Internet access) to complete assignments. It is your responsibility to have (or have access to) a working computer in this class. ****Assignments are due by the due date, and personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments.*** Computers are available on campus in various areas of the buildings as well as the Academic Success Center. ****Your computer being down is not an excuse for missing a deadline!!*** There are many places to

access your class! Contact your instructor immediately upon having computer trouble. If you have technical difficulties in the course, there is also a student helpdesk available to you. The college cannot work directly on student computers due to both liability and resource limitations; however, they are able to help you get connected to our online services. For help, log into [D2L](#).

Student Handbook

Refer to: [Student Handbook](#)

Moffett Library

Moffett Library provides resources and services to support student's studies and assignments, including books, peer-reviewed journals, databases, and multimedia materials accessible both on campus and remotely. The library offers media equipment checkout, reservable study rooms, and research assistance from librarians to help students effectively find, evaluate, and use information. Get started on this [Moffett Library webpage](#) to explore these resources and learn how to best utilize the library.

Grading

Course Grade - List all graded assignments with their point value and or percentage of total grade. Letter Grade Scale indicate the overall points or % to letter grade scale for example 1270 to 1137 = A.

Table 1: Points allocated to each assignment

Assignments	Points
Quizzes	10%
WebAssign Homework	5%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Exam 3	20%
Presentations	25%
Total	100%

Table 2: Total points for final grade.

Grade	Points
A	90-100%
B	80-89%
C	70-79%
D	60-69%
F	Less than 60%

Homework

WebAssign is the homework platform used for this course. Homework sets will be assigned over each section of the book that is covered in class. There are due dates given within WebAssign for each homework set.

Please note that personal computer technical difficulties will not be considered reason for the instructor to allow students extra time to submit assignments.

Any student who has 3 assignments with a score of less than 50% will lose 1% from the course grade for each additional incomplete assignment.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be given throughout the semester. Makeup quizzes are not given for any reason.

Exams

Exams may be given during two class days. The tentative dates of the exams are September 23/25, October 28/30 and December 2/4.

Make Up Exams

Make-up and exams are not generally given; however, such exams may be given for an absence that is a result of a documented medical or personal emergency. Note that making an appointment during class time is not an excused absence. If an exam is going to be missed due to an approved university activity, the student should request to take the exam early. For missed exams, timely notification (for emergencies, on or before the scheduled day of the exam, and for approved university activities, a week prior to the scheduled day of the exam) is necessary to receive consideration to make up the exam or take the exam early. Once graded exams have been returned to the class, which usually occurs during the class meeting following the day of the exam, it will no longer be possible to make up a missed exam. No student will be allowed to make up more than one exam during the semester. No exams may be made up due to a student scheduling a vacation on a day when classes are in session.

Extra Credit

No extra credit will be given in this course.

Attendance Policy

1. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of every class. Any student who is late or who leaves early may be counted as absent. Students are expected to arrive on time and stay for the entire class period. Leaving in the middle of class to go to the restroom, get a drink of water, etc. should be avoided except in a rare emergency.

2. After a student has attained three absences (excused or unexcused),
***each additional unexcused absence will result in a 1% deduction to the student's semester course average.** (For example, a fifth absence that is unexcused will result in a loss of 1% from the student's final average. A fourth and fifth absence, each being unexcused, will result in a loss of 2% from the student's final average, etc.)
3. The best ways to ensure Dr. Fosnaugh considers an absence as excused are
 - a. Provide a doctor's note for a non-routine appointment. (Routine appointments, such as dentist appointments, will not be considered excused. So do not schedule routine medical appointments during class.)
 - b. Provide a university signed letter or memo confirming participation in an athletic or academic event
 - c. Provide documentation of a mandatory military service obligation
4. If you do not notify Dr. Fosnaugh of your absence in a reasonable amount of time before the class you miss, then generally your absence will not be excused. If circumstances beyond your control make it impossible to notify her before class, you must notify her as soon as reasonably possible after the missed class period for the absence to be considered for an excused absence.
5. Any student who violates the Electronic Device Policy (such as using a cell phone or wearing earbuds) may be counted absent.
6. A student who is counted absent will receive a 0 on any work submitted during that day's class.

If you miss class, it is your responsibility to do the following two things.

1. You need to get notes from another student for the day(s) you missed. Dr. Fosnaugh does not give copies of notes to students.
2. See Dr. Fosnaugh before the next class for any handouts from the day(s) you missed. You can stop by her office or come up and see her before she starts class. Dr. Fosnaugh will not stop to give out handouts from previous days once class starts.

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Academic Misconduct Policy

All work that you do that contributes to your course grade must be your own work. Any evidence that you submitted work that is not your own is considered an act of academic dishonesty. An act of academic dishonesty will be reported to the university and will result in one of the following academic sanctions:

- Receiving a 0 on the homework, quiz or exam.
- Receiving a 0 for the entire grade category for the semester.

- Receiving an F in Math 3133.
- Receiving an F in Math 3133 that will remain permanently on your transcript and within your MSU GPA.

When taking an exam or quiz you are never to receive outside help of any sort. On homework, you may get assistance from others, but you are responsible for understanding what you submit to be graded, and further, no two students are ever to turn in work that appears to be identical. Teachers can detect when a student is copying homework from someone else in the class. Never let someone borrow your work. If you want to help someone understand how to work a problem, talk to them and give them advice or pointers, but never give them your completed work. In addition, copying solutions from online resources or using online resources to work a problem for you is considered cheating.

Additional guidelines on procedures in these matters may be found in the Office of Student Conduct.

AI Usage Policy

Using AI on Exams, quizzes or Homework is considered to be cheating and will be sanctioned as stated in the Academic Misconduct portion of the course policies.

Electronic Device Policy

Earbuds are to be removed and cell phones silenced and stored no later than one minute prior to the time class is to start. Smart glasses are not to be worn at any time. Stored cell phones are to be placed in a bag/backpack (not on your leg or under your leg or on your chair, etc.) or placed face down on the desk/table in front of you. A student with a cell phone that is not stored away or placed face down on the desk/table will have their phone or other electronic device placed in a time out bag for the duration of the class. In addition, using a cell phone during a test or quiz will result in a grade of zero on the test or quiz, as well as possibly other penalties under the academic misconduct policy. The penalty of a zero may also apply if your cell phone goes off (texts, calls, alarms, etc.) during a test or quiz.

Exam Day Protocols

All backpacks must be placed in the front of the room.

All cell phones must be placed face down on your desk/table. Make sure your cell phone is off/silent (not vibrate).

Remove smart watches, ear buds, smart glasses, etc. Note that I may drop my exam questions into MathGPT, Photomath, etc and compare to student test answers.

Hands must be on the desk and clearly visible at all times.

You may not wear a hoodie or other hat that covers your ears.

You may not leave the room until you are finished with your exam.

If your calculator has a cover, remove it from your calculator. The cover should not be on your desk.

Make Up Work/Tests

State whether or not you will allow students to make up missed assignments and tests, and any conditions you stipulate.

Important Dates

- Deadline to file for graduation: September 21
- Last Day to drop with a grade of "W:" November 23 at 4pm

Desire-to-Learn (D2L)

Extensive use of the MSU D2L program is a part of this course. Each student is expected to be familiar with this program as it provides a primary source of communication regarding assignments, examination materials, and general course information. You can log into [D2L](#) through the MSU Homepage. If you experience difficulties, please contact the technicians listed for the program or contact your instructor.

Course Communication

MSU policies require that I communicate with students via University email and D2L and that students communicate with me likewise. Ensure that your e-mail settings are configured to receive communications via D2L.

E-mail Communication Guidelines

Use your MSU student email or your D2L email. I cannot respond to your personal email.

Include your first and last name, the course name/number in the subject line.

You should sign off with your first name, last name and M#.

Include a proper salutation to me. You may address me as Dr. Fosnaugh, Dr. Linda or Professor Fosnaugh. Do not address me by my first name only or leave out the salutation.

Your e-mail should contain proper spelling and punctuation.

Recording Classes

****Recording classes is generally prohibited without the professor's explicit permission.*** Such recordings, when permitted, are for personal use only and may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published without the professor's prior consent. Some faculty may not permit recordings of their classes. When it is feasible and appropriate, students may record classes to accommodate disabilities under the Americans With Disabilities

Act, with prior approval of Disability Support Services. Such recordings may not be uploaded to the internet or otherwise shared, transmitted, or published.

Change of Schedule

A student dropping a course (but not withdrawing from the University) within the first 12 class days of a regular semester or the first four class days of a summer semester is eligible for a 100% refund of applicable tuition and fees. Dates are published in the Schedule of Classes each semester.

Refund and Repayment Policy

A student who withdraws or is administratively withdrawn from Midwestern State University (MSU) may be eligible to receive a refund for all or a portion of the tuition, fees and room/board charges that were paid to MSU for the semester. HOWEVER, if the student received financial aid (federal/state/institutional grants, loans and/or scholarships), all or a portion of the refund may be returned to the financial aid programs. As described below, two formulas (federal and state) exist in determining the amount of the refund. (Examples of each refund calculation will be made available upon request).

Services for Students with Disabilities

In accordance with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Midwestern State University endeavors to make reasonable accommodations to ensure equal opportunity for qualified persons with disabilities to participate in all educational, social, and recreational programs and activities. After notification of acceptance, students requiring accommodations should make application for such assistance through Disability Support Services, located in the Student Wellness Center, (940) 397-4140. Current documentation of a disability will be required in order to provide appropriate services, and each request will be individually reviewed. For more details, please go to [Disability Support Services](#).

Emergency Aid Resources for Basic Needs

Unexpected life circumstances can affect anyone. If you are experiencing challenges meeting basic needs—such as housing, utilities, food, transportation, healthcare, technology, textbooks or other life necessities, resources may be available to help. Visit the [Student Emergency Support and Resources webpage](#) to learn more, and explore emergency support opportunities through MSU and how to access them. For additional information, please contact the Office of Student Affairs: Clark Student Center #108, (940) 397-7500, student.affairs@mstuexas.edu.

College Policies

Campus Carry Rules/Policies

Refer to: [Campus Carry Rules and Policies](#)

Smoking/Tobacco Policy

College policy strictly prohibits the use of tobacco products on the MSU campus.

Alcohol and Drug Policy

To comply with the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989 and subsequent amendments, students and employees of Midwestern State are informed that strictly enforced policies are in place which prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of any illicit drugs, including alcohol, on university property or as part of any university-sponsored activity. Students and employees are also subject to all applicable legal sanctions under local, state and federal law for any offenses involving illicit drugs on University property or at University-sponsored activities.

Campus Carry

Effective August 1, 2016, the Campus Carry law (Senate Bill 11) allows those licensed individuals to carry a concealed handgun in buildings on public university campuses, except in locations the University establishes has prohibited. The new Constitutional Carry law does not change this process. Concealed carry still requires a License to Carry permit, and openly carrying handguns is not allowed on college campuses. For more information, visit [Campus Carry](#).

Active Shooter

The safety and security of our campus is the responsibility of everyone in our community. Each of us has an obligation to be prepared to appropriately respond to threats to our campus, such as an active aggressor. Please review the information provided by MSU Police Department regarding the options and strategies we can all use to stay safe during difficult situations. For more information, visit [MSUReady – Active Shooter](#). Students are encouraged to watch the video entitled “Run. Hide. Fight.” which may be electronically accessed via the University police department’s webpage: ["Run. Hide. Fight."](#)

Grade Appeal Process

Update as needed. Students who wish to appeal a grade should consult the Midwestern State University [MSU Catalog](#)

***Notice:** Changes in the course syllabus, procedure, assignments, and schedule may be made at the discretion of the instructor.