

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **Methods of finite mathematics**

Course Number and Section:

MATH

1228A 550

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Course Description:

Topics covered include sets, techniques of counting, basic probability theory, discrete and continuous random variables.

Students are expected to demonstrate an understanding of these concepts and an ability to apply them in solving a variety of problems.

Learning Outcomes:

Obtain the technical skills to approach quantitative problems

Communicate effectively using the language of mathematics relevant to the course

Understand sets, their operations, and their cardinalities

Determine the number of possible choices for a given situation using the appropriate counting techniques (permutations, combinations, etc.)

Understand the basic concepts of probability theory, and use them to determine the probability of simple events

Use random variables and their distribution functions to compute the probabilities of more complex events

Textbooks and Course Materials:

A custom textbook (Methods of Finite Math by V. Olds) will be posted online on the OWL course website.

Additional course materials (e.g. supplementary exercises) will be posted on OWL.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Assignment 1	10/17/2025	20
Assignment 2	11/21/2025	15

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Online Quizzes (OWL) - 6 throughout the term, only the best 5 count towards the course grade		20
Final Exam		40
Best among assignments and final exam		5

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

Monday, August 18, 2025