

MATH 255 Geometry for Middle School Teachers

Course Content Outline

Required Software: *GeoGebra* (Topics noted with * include Geogebra exploration)

	Tentative Topic
Week 1	Intro to Course and Software, Geometric Attributes <i>Basic Geometric vocabulary (e.g. points, lines, parallel, congruent); Simple, closed figures; convex & concave; Venn Diagrams</i>
Week 2	Proof and Proving, Angles <i>Definitions of proof; Rationale for proving; informal vs. formal deduction; Right Angles; Intro to technological tool*</i>
Week 3	Angles and Polygons <i>Angles in parallel lines & transversals*; Angle sum of triangles; Interior angle sum of polygons (investigate and prove)*</i>
Week 4	Polygons and Triangles <i>Classifying triangles; Triangle Inequality Theorem*; Isosceles Triangle Thm</i>
Week 5	Triangles <i>Triangle congruences; Proving using triangles; Triangle centers* Using & Proving Pythagorean Theorem;</i>
Week 6	Quadrilaterals <i>Quadrilateral properties*; Classifying quadrilaterals</i>
Week 7	Quadrilaterals <i>Classifying quadrilaterals (cont.); Proving about/using quadrilaterals;</i>
Week 8	2-D Shape Wrap-Up & Midterm Exam <i>Constructing quadrilaterals using properties*</i>
Week 9	Geometric Solids <i>Definition of Polyhedra, prism & pyramid; Faces, Vertices, and Edges; Building and naming polyhedra</i>
Week 10	Geometric Solids <i>Nets; Regular and semi-regular polyhedra</i>
Week 11	Geometric Transformations <i>Definition & meaning of translation, rotation, reflection, dilation, rigid transformation*; Combinations of transformations*</i>
Week 12	Similarity <i>Scale factor for length and area; Connection between dilation and similarity; Similarity in a coordinate plane*</i>
Week 13	Symmetry and Tessellations <i>Rotational and line symmetry of 2-D shape and polyhedra; Regular and semi-regular tessellations</i>
Week 14	Measurement, Final Project Presentations <i>Concepts of Measurement; Formulas for area measurement</i>
	Final Exam