

**MTED 611**  
**Algebra for Middle School Teachers**  
**Course Outline**

<b>Topics</b>	<b># of Weeks</b>
Chapter 0: Problem Solving and Pre-Algebra	1
Chapter 1: Pre-Algebra (continued)	1
Chapter 2: Proportional Reasoning	1
Chapter 3: Variation & Graphs	1
Chapter 4: Linear Equations	1
Chapter 5: Fitting a Line to Data	1
Chapter 6: Systems of Equation & Inequalities	1
Chapter 7: Exponents & Exponential Models	1
Chapter 8: Functions	2
Chapter 9: Transformations	1
Chapter 10: Quadratic Models	1
Presentations	1
Tests:	1

**Course Objectives:**

Students will be able to solve problems and exercises, often using physical materials and/or graphing calculators, in the following content areas:

- rational numbers
- integers
- number theory
- matrices
- recursion
- proportional reasoning
- variation and graphs
- linear, exponential, and quadratic functions
- systems of equations and inequalities
- linear, exponential, and quadratic regression
- transformations

These content topics will be introduced and developed using activities, problems, and exercises that illustrate "best practices" with respect to promoting student engagement and learning.

**Textbooks:** Discovering Algebra: An Investigative Approach, by Murdoch, Kamischke, & Kamischke

**Selected References:** Algebra to Go: A Mathematics Handbook (Great Source, 2000)  
Mathematics on the Internet: A Resource for K-12 Teachers (Pearson, 2006)

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