

MATHEMATICS 1030 – Section 005  
Introduction to Quantitative Reasoning (3 credits)  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, Monday and Wednesday  
Building: JFB      Room: B-1

**Textbook:**

Using and Understanding Mathematics: A Quantitative Reasoning Approach, by Jeffrey O. Bennett and William L. Briggs (custom edition for University of Utah, taken from the sixth edition)

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<https://www.vitalsource.com/products/using-and-understanding-mathematics-a-jeffrey-o-bennett-v9780321912343>

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Quiz/exam solutions, grades, any reviews and other handouts will be posted on Canvas.

Video lectures are available through the Department of Mathematics.

<http://www.math.utah.edu/lectures/math1030.html>

**Office hours:** TBD

**Prerequisites:**

Prerequisites: "C" or better in MATH 980 (Algebra for College Success) or Math 1010 (Intermediate Algebra) OR Accuplacer EA score of 60 or better OR ACT Math score of 19 or better OR SAT Math score of 500 or better.

This means that you should be able to manipulate variable expressions, work with simple linear equations and graphs, work with fractions and exponents, and know the basic properties of simple geometric shapes.

(Note: Math 1030 does not satisfy a Math 1050 or Math 1090 prerequisite.)

**Course objectives:**

Math 1030 course will fulfill the Quantitative Reasoning – Math QA, general education requirement for graduation.

This course addresses the following Essential Learning Outcomes: inquiry and analysis, critical thinking, written and oral communication, quantitative literacy, teamwork, and problem solving.

Math 1030 is an application-based course centered around the use of mathematics to model changes in the real world, and the effective communication of these mathematical ideas. The course is based on Chapters 1-4, 8,9, and Chapter 10 (sec. A). You are expected to read each section that we cover.

For every hour of lecture, the university suggests that you invest 2-3 hours of additional work every week. This means that for this 3 credit hour class, you need to put in 6-9 hours of additional work on a weekly basis.

At the end of the course a student should be able to:

- use Venn diagrams to examine relationships between sets and the validity of simple deductive arguments
- use an appropriate sentence to describe both the absolute and percent change in a given quantity and interpret such statements about the change
- use simple and compound units, making conversions when necessary, and develop accurate comparisons between units
- evaluate the impact of compound interest on simple financial decisions

- use the savings plan and loan formulas to calculate the payment amount into the savings plan when a certain financial goal needs to be achieved, to calculate the mortgage payment or interest paid over the life of the loan and discuss whether those results are realistic (or not), compare several loans with different interest rates in order to make financial decisions
- compare and illustrate the features of linear and exponential growth using practical examples
- determine simple areas, volumes, and explain the differential effect of scaling on perimeter, area, volume as well as some of the practical implications of scaling

### **Homework:**

Homework problems are assigned for each section. Homework will not be collected, but I strongly recommend that you do these problems. I will be answering homework questions at the beginning of each class (whenever possible).

### **Quizzes:**

Approximately every 2 weeks there will be a quiz. The quiz problems will be very similar to the textbook examples/problems and examples that we have done in class, or the assigned suggested homework problems. No make-up quizzes will be given, but the lowest 3 quiz grades will be dropped at the end of the semester for all students.

I can only provide a make-up quiz for University excused absences (band, debate, student government, intercollegiate athletics, etc.) or military duty with an official documentation addressing the reason for absence.

### **Exams:**

You will have 2 exams (50 minutes each). You MUST bring a valid ID to the exam.

Absence from an exam will be excused only if you can provide verifiable and convincing evidence that you have a significant illness or serious personal or family crisis that will prevent you from attending. Except under extremely unusual circumstances, you must inform me at least 5 days in advance of the missed test, and you must take the make-up exam prior to the actual exam date. University excused absences (band, debate, student government, intercollegiate athletics, etc.), military duty or religious obligations are excused with an official documentation addressing the reason for absence. You are expected to promptly make arrangements with me to make up the test. Vacation or work schedule are not considered to be excused absences.

### **Group Project:**

You will have one group project to turn in, due at the end of the 12<sup>th</sup> week of the semester, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 (due at the beginning of lecture). You will be given the list of topics about 8 weeks before the project is due, and you will work in groups (that you form) of 2-3 students on a topic that you select from the list. We will discuss the format and expectations for this project before you start working on it. Late projects are accepted with penalty of 3 points per day.

**Final Exam** (comprehensive/departmental): **April 25<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**  
**3:30-5:30 pm**

This date and time is assigned by the University of Utah scheduling office. You can view the Spring 2018 final exam schedule at (math 1030 is listed under the departmental finals):

<http://registrar.utah.edu/academic-calendars/final-exams-spring.php>

The final exam will be in our classroom. If there is a location change, the scheduling office will let me know in advance and I will make an announcement in class and on Canvas during the last few weeks of the semester.

Students are not allowed to take early/late departmental final exam. Please do not schedule your trip before this date, or do not ask me to give you extra time to study.

**Grading Policy:**

Your grade will be based on:

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| Quizzes (4 best) | 20%            |
| Group Project    | 20%            |
| Exams (2 exams)  | 30% (15% each) |
| Final exam       | 30%            |

**Course Grades (Evaluation methods and criteria):**

Your final letter grade will be determined by your overall percentage as follows:

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|----|-------------|----|-------------|----|-------------|
| A  | 93% - 100%  | C+ | 77% – 79.9% | D- | 55% - 59.9% |
| A- | 90% - 92.9% | C  | 73% – 76.9% | E  | below 55%   |
| B+ | 87% - 89.9% | C- | 70% – 72.9% |    |             |
| B  | 83% - 86.9% | D+ | 65% – 69.9% |    |             |
| B- | 80% - 82.9% | D  | 60% – 64.9% |    |             |

**Calculators:**

You will need a calculator for this course. A scientific calculator will be sufficient. You are required to bring the calculator to every lecture/exam since I do not provide the calculator for students. You are not allowed to use your cell phone as a calculator.

**ADA Statement:**

The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.

### **Sexual Misconduct:**

Title IX makes it clear that violence and harassment based on sex and gender (which includes sexual orientation and gender identity/expression) is a civil rights offense subject to the same kinds of accountability and the same kinds of support applied to offenses against other protected categories such as race, national origin, color, religion, age, status as a person with a disability, veteran's status or genetic information. If you or someone you know has been harassed or assaulted, you are encouraged to report it to the Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, 135 Park Building, 801-581-8365, or the Office of the Dean of Students, 270 Union Building, 801-581-7066.

For support and confidential consultation, contact the Center for Student Wellness, 426 SSB, 801-581-7776.

To report to the police, contact the Department of Public Safety, 801-585-2677(COPS).

### **Student Names and Personal Pronouns statement:**

Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name as well as "Preferred first name" (if previously entered by you in the Student Profile section of your CIS account). While CIS refers to this as merely a preference, I will honor you by referring to you with the name and pronoun that feels best for you in class, on papers, exams, group projects, etc. Please advise me of any name or pronoun changes (and update CIS) so I can help create a learning environment in which you, your name, and your pronoun will be respected. If you need assistance getting your preferred name on your UID card, please visit the LGBT Resource Center Room 409 in the Olpin Union Building, or email [bpeacock@sa.utah.edu](mailto:bpeacock@sa.utah.edu) to schedule a time to drop by. The LGBT Resource Center hours are M-F 8am-5pm, and 8am-6pm on Tuesdays.

### **Wellness Statement:**

Personal concerns such as stress, anxiety, relationship difficulties, depression, cross-cultural differences, etc., can interfere with a student's ability to succeed and thrive at the University of Utah. For helpful resources contact the Center for Student Wellness at [www.wellness.utah.edu](http://www.wellness.utah.edu) or 801-581-7776.

### **Important Dates:**

- last day to add without a permission code – Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>
- last day to add, drop (delete), elect CR/NC, or audit classes – Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>
- last day to withdraw from classes – Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

All important dates can be seen at: <http://registrar.utah.edu/academic-calendars/spring2019.php>

**Tutoring:**

The Rushing Math Center offers free drop-in tutoring, a computer lab, and study areas for undergraduates. The Rushing Student Center is adjacent to the LCB and JWB. The hours for the Fall/Spring semester are: 8 am – 8 pm Monday-Thursday and 8 am – 6 pm on Friday. The tutoring center will open the second week of classes. Tutors are there to help you understand the material, not to do the homework for you. Please be aware that there are many tutors with a variety of teaching styles and it may take you a few tries to find the tutor that works best with you.

**Class Policies:**

- I reserve the right to modify the class structure and syllabus at any time but I will notify you if and when any changes are made.
- Please silence your technology at the start of class, and refrain from talking while I am at the front of the class lecturing (unless you have a question for me). If you are repeatedly disrupting the learning environment, you will be asked to leave.
- If you are struggling with a concept please come talk to me or visit the tutoring center as soon as possible. I am more than happy to meet with you outside of my office hours if my schedule permits it.
- Regrade requests for midterm exams can be made for up to one week after the exam was returned and in writing with an explanation why more credit is due. No regrade requests will be accepted for quizzes or the final exam.