SYLLABUS: MATH 221
Basic Concepts of Elementary Mathematics I
11:15-12:05 on MWF in LeConte 101

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Office Hours: 9:30-10:30 a.m. on MWF and by appointment
(let me know in advance if you want to see me)
Peer Leader: To be determined
Prerequisite: qualification by placement exam or a grade of C or better in Math 111 or 115
Attendance Policy: Absence from more than four class sessions, whether excused or unexcused,
is excessive. Your grade will be lowered 1/2 of a grade level (from A to B+, B+ to B, etc.) if you
miss 5 classes. Your grade will be lowered an additional 1/2 of a grade level if you miss 8 classes.
Cell Phone Policy: Please remember to turn off your cell phone prior to class.
Text Book: A Problem Solving Approach to Mathematics for Elementary School Teachers
by Billstein, Libeskind, and Lott, 8th ed.
Web Page for Course: Material for the course can be obtained at
http://www.math.sc.edu/~filaseta/courses/Math221/Math221.html
Grading: Pen Pal Journals (10%)
Class Participation and Quizzes (15%)
3 Tests (15% each)
Cumulative Final (30%)
Date and Time of Final Exam: Thursday, April 27th, 2:00 p.m.−5:00 p.m.
Remarks: • There will be no make-up grades for this course.
  • Your course grade will be reduced by 2% each time your journal is not turned in on time.
  • The lowest quiz grade will be dropped.
  • There are no exemptions for the final exam.

Grading Scale:

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