

COURSE TITLE: Math Content PRAXIS Review

COURSE NUMBER: MATH 501

SEMESTER: Spring 2010

REFERENCE NUMBER: 1104 (undergraduate)  
1108 (graduate)

TIME AND ROOM: Sat 9-12, K 504  
February 6, 13, 20, 27

PREREQUISITE: An undergraduate degree in mathematics or at least 24 (graduate and/or undergraduate) credits in mathematics, including courses in precalculus, differential and integral calculus, linear algebra, elementary or mathematical statistics, and geometry.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: A review of the mathematical concepts included in the ETS PRAXIS (Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers) Mathematics Content Knowledge secondary teachers' examination. (1 credit PASS/FAIL)

COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES: Students will:

- 1) demonstrate strategies for using current technology to solve math problems.
- 2) compare problem-solving techniques acquired from different areas of mathematics.
- 3) relate mathematical definitions to new situations.
- 4) synthesize knowledge from various areas of mathematics.
- 5) assess appropriate strategies for solving mathematics problems.

REQUIRED TEXTBOOK: *The Praxis Series, Mathematics: Content Knowledge (Test Code 0061)* is an ebook, available on the ETS website. Also, download *Tests at a Glance: Mathematics (0061)* <http://www.ets.org/Media/Tests/PRAXIS/pdf/0061.pdf>.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS: Students are required to bring a graphing calculator to class. Home study and work on assigned sample test problems (50%), class discussion of sample test problems and problem solving strategies (25%), and practice tests (25%) are required components of the class.

EVALUATIONS AND GRADING: The course is PASS/FAIL. Students that satisfactorily complete the above components will PASS.

A passing score (currently 137) on the Math Content PRAXIS (10061) is required to for a license to teach secondary-level mathematics in New Jersey (certification is K-12 Mathematics).