

## OFFICIAL UNDERGRADUATE COURSE OUTLINE FORM

Note: The University reserves the right to amend course outlines as needed without notice.

Course Code and Number: MATH 345

Number of Credits: 3 [Course credit policy \(105\)](#)

Course Full Title: Modern Geometries  
 Course Short Title:

Faculty: Faculty of Science

Department (or program if no department): MATH & STATS

### Calendar Description:

Euclidean and non-Euclidean geometries, such as projective geometry, spherical geometry, and hyperbolic geometry, including transformations, symmetries, and applications

Prerequisites (or NONE): MATH 265, MATH 211, and MATH 221, all with a C or better.

Corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):

Pre/corequisites (if applicable, or NONE):

### Equivalent Courses (cannot be taken for additional credit)

Former course code/number:

Cross-listed with:

Equivalent course(s):

Note: Equivalent course(s) should be included in the calendar description by way of a note that students with credit for the equivalent course(s) cannot take this course for further credit.

### Transfer Credit

Transfer credit already exists:  Yes  No

Transfer credit requested (OReg to submit to BCCAT):

Yes  No (Note: If yes, fill in transfer credit form)

Resubmit revised outline for articulation:  Yes  No

To find out how this course transfers, see [bctransferguide.ca](http://bctransferguide.ca).

Total Hours: 45

### Typical structure of instructional hours:

Lecture hours	45
Seminars/tutorials/workshops	
Laboratory hours	
Field experience hours	
Experiential (practicum, internship, etc.)	
Online learning activities	
Other contact hours:	
<b>Total</b>	<b>45</b>

### Special Topics

Will the course be offered with different topics?

Yes  No

If yes,

Different lettered courses may be taken for credit:

No  Yes, repeat(s)  Yes, no limit

Note: The specific topic will be recorded when offered.

Maximum enrolment (for information only): 36

Expected frequency of course offerings  
(every semester, annually, etc.): alternate years

Department / Program Head or Director: Cynthia Loten

Date approved: August 27, 2014

Campus-Wide Consultation (CWC)

Date of posting: n/a

Faculty Council approval

Date approved: October 3, 2014

Dean/Associate VP: Lucy Lee

Date approved: October 3, 2014

Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) approval

Date of meeting: October 24, 2014

**Learning Outcomes**

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1) explain the foundations of Euclidean and at least 3 different non-Euclidean geometries – e.g., projective, hyperbolic, and spherical.
- 2) state precise definitions of fundamental concepts in the geometries studied,
- 3) prove basic theorems in geometry,
- 4) classify transformations and symmetries in different geometries,
- 5) discuss properties of various transformations, including invariants,
- 6) discuss the general notions of distance and geodesics, independent of any particular geometry.

**Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)**

Yes       No, PLAR cannot be awarded for this course because

**Typical Instructional Methods (guest lecturers, presentations, online instruction, field trips, etc.; may vary at department's discretion)**

The course will be primarily lecture-based.

**NOTE: The following sections may vary by instructor. Please see course syllabus available from the instructor.**

**Typical Text(s) and Resource Materials (if more space is required, download supplemental Texts and Resource Materials form)**

<u>Author Surname, Initials</u>	<u>Title (article, book, journal, etc.)</u>	<u>Current Ed.</u>	<u>Publisher</u>	<u>Year</u>
1. G.A. Jennings	Modern Geometry with Applications	<input type="checkbox"/>	Springer-Verlag Universitext	1994
2. J.N. Cederberg	A course in Modern Geometries	2	Springer	2001
3. P.J. Ryan	Euclidean And Non-Euclidean Geometry: An Analytic Approach	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cambridge University Press	1986
4. D.A. Brannan, M.F. Esplen, J.J. Gray	Geometry	2	Cambridge University Press	2012

**Required Additional Supplies and Materials (Eg. Software, hardware, tools, specialized clothing)**

Possible computer software: Geometer's Sketchpad, NonEuclid (freeware), Maple.

**Typical Evaluation Methods and Weighting**

Final exam:	40%	Assignments:	25%	Midterm exam:	35%	Total:	100%
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**Details (if necessary):** Students must achieve at least 40% on the final exam in order to receive credit for this course

**Grading system:** Letter Grades:  Credit/No Credit:  Labs to be scheduled independent of lecture hours: Yes  No

**Typical Course Content and Topics****Euclidean geometry:**

- n-dimensional Euclidean space
- Isometries: reflections, rotations, and translations
- The parallel postulate, angles, and the Pythagorean theorem
- Symmetries

**Projective geometry:**

- Projective coordinates
- Projective line, plane, and n-space
- Projective transformations
- Perspective drawing, Desargues' theorem
- Homogeneous polynomials, algebraic curves

**Hyperbolic geometry:**

- Parallels in hyperbolic geometry
- Area and angular defect
- Circles and distance
- Poincare's model
- Hyperbolic transformations

**Spherical geometry:**

- Geodesics on spheres
- Spherical triangles
- Spherical symmetries
- Application: mapmaking

**Other geometries:**

- Fractal geometry
- Spacetime geometry