THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

Course #: Math 5370/15953
Course Title: Seminar – Foundations of Geometry
Credit Hrs: 3
Term: Fall 2014
Course Meetings & Location: MW 6:30 pm - 7:50 pm in BH 143
Prerequisite Courses: (Math 3325)
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Office Hrs: MW 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Textbook(s), Materials: A textbook is not required.

Contents: The course is in axiomatic geometry: the axiomatic systems (Hilbert/Birkhoff) of Euclidean geometry and the classical models for non-Euclidean geometry. The course is suitable for all mathematics majors, including those who plan to become high school mathematics teachers.

Goals 1.) Students are expected to build a solid understanding of the axiomatic systems.
2.) Students will build a solid understanding of the concepts and a good proof-writing skills

Exams and Assignments: There will be two exams. Homework will be assigned regularly. The homework will not be collected, but will be discussed in class. The exams will include problems from homework.

Grading Policy: Each exam (worth of 100 points) represents 50% of the final grade. The final grade will be determined by the average of the exam’s scores respecting the following grading scale:

A 85-100;  B 70-84;  C 55-69;  D 40-54;  F below 40.

Extra credit will be given for class participation.

Make-up Policy: Make-ups/retests will be given only under extraordinary circumstances documented by the student and at the discretion of the instructor.
Attendance & Withdrawal: It is expected that everyone attend every class and arrive on time. Also, it is the student's responsibility to drop the course. After the drop deadline (Oct. 31), W may be given in special cases documented by the student and approved by the Dean's office.

Academic Integrity Policy: Students are required to follow UTEP policy (Academic Dishonesty at UTEP) available at http://academics.utep.edu/Default.aspx?tabid=23785

Disability Statement: If you have a disability and need classroom accommodations, please contact The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) at 747-5148, or by email to cass@utep.edu, or visit their office located in UTEP Union East, Room 106. For additional information, please visit the CASS website at www.sa.utep.edu/cass. The student is responsible for presenting to the instructor any CASS accommodation letters and instructions.

Military Statement: If you are a military student with the potential of being called to military service and/or training during the course of the semester, you are encouraged to contact the instructor as soon as possible.