



**VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
CHARTING THE COURSE

*Department of Teaching & Learning*  
*Parent/Student Course Information*

**DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

**(MA 3125)**

***One half-credit, One semester***

***Grades 11-12***

*Counselors are available to assist parents and students with course selections and career planning. Parents may arrange to meet with the counselor by calling the school's guidance department.*

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Discrete Mathematics offers methods of problem solving which are not normally found in the algebra, geometry, trigonometry or mathematical analysis courses. Problems in the area of management science such as modeling problems with graphs, scheduling, designing efficient delivery routes and optimization are emphasized along with social decision-making topics including fair division.

**PREREQUISITE**

Algebra II or Algebra II/Trigonometry

**OPTIONS FOR NEXT COURSE**

Trigonometry and/or Probability and Statistics

**REQUIRED TEXTBOOK**

*Excursions in Modern Mathematics, Eighth Edition*, Tannenbaum, Pearson Education (2014)

**RECOMMENDED CALCULATOR**

TI-83 Plus, TI-84 Plus, TI-84 Plus C or TI-84 Plus CE

**Virginia Beach Instructional Objectives**  
**Discrete Mathematics (1 Semester) – MA3125**

VBO#	Objective
	<b>Election Theory and Weighted Voting</b>
MA.D.1.1	The student will determine group rankings through a variety of election methods, including plurality, majority, Borda, runoff, sequential runoff, Condorcet and approval. The student will be able to analyze the advantages and disadvantages of each method in a given situation and identify flaws in group-ranking methods. <b>(SOL DM.8)</b>
MA.D.1.2	The student will investigate and describe weighted voting methods. <b>(SOL DM.8)</b>
	<b>Fair Division and Apportionment</b>
MA.D.2.1	The student will select, apply and justify a method of fair division such as divide and choose, lone divider, marker or last diminisher. The student will compare and contrast the continuous and the discrete cases of fair division. <b>(SOL DM.7)</b>
MA.D.2.2	The student will apply apportionment methods to allocation decisions. The students will be able to compare, contrast and identify flaws in apportionment methods, including Hamilton, Webster, Jefferson, Adams and Hill-Huntington. <b>(SOL DM.9)</b>
	<b>Graph Theory</b>
MA.D.3.1	The student will construct a vertex-edge graph to model a problem and be able to determine connectedness, planarity and valences of a graph. The student will be able to model a problem with a directed graph, determine isomorphism given two or more graphs and create an adjacency matrix for a graph. <b>(SOL DM.1)</b>
MA.D.3.2	The student will solve problems through investigation and application of circuits, cycles, Euler Paths, Euler Circuits, Hamilton Paths and Hamilton Circuits. Students will use existing algorithms and student-created algorithms. <b>(SOL DM.2)</b>
MA.D.3.3	The student will be able to apply vertex-edge graphs to conflict-resolutions problems, such as map coloring, scheduling, matching and optimization, using graph coloring and chromatic numbers. <b>(SOL DM.3)</b>
MA.D.3.4	The student will create matrices to represent a situation, perform matrix operations using a graphing calculator and apply matrices to problem solving. <b>(SOL DM.1)</b>
	<b>Optimization</b>
MA.D.4.1	The student will apply vertex-edge graphs to problem solving using algorithms such as Kruskal's, Prim's or Dijkstra's, relating trees, networks and paths, in order to determine the number of possible solutions and generate solutions when a feasible number exists. <b>(SOL DM.4)</b>
MA.D.4.2	The student will determine minimum project time, be able to construct an order-requirement digraph to model a given situation and determine the critical path(s) in a given graph. The student will be able to use the list-processing algorithm and determine if the result is optimum and be able to compare and contrast student-created algorithms with the list-processing algorithm. <b>(SOL DM.5)</b>
MA.D.4.3	The student will apply linear programming to problem solving. This includes: determining the constraints (inequalities) for a given problem; being able to graph the system of constraints using a graphing calculator; determining the corner points of the feasible region and finding the optimal solution; and applying the Simplex Method of problems with more than two variables. <b>(SOL DM.6)</b>

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