

Math 221
Differential Equations
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Required Text: Differential Equations: Theory, Technique and Practice, Second Edition, by Steven G. Krantz

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At many colleges and universities, a first course in differential equations is often called Calculus IV since it is a natural continuation of the 3 semester calculus sequence in which one applies most of the concepts of calculus. **It is important that you have a very firm grasp of ordinary and partial differentiation, basic techniques of integration, and power series.** The main content of the course is contained in Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 of the text. Other topics will be covered as time permits.

Course Description

The course meets MWF 11:45-12:55 PPHAC 335. Homework assignments will be given at each class meeting. Students are expected to complete these assignments by the next class meeting, where they will be discussed. No one can learn mathematics without doing it themselves and so, to the student, homework is the most important part of the course. In addition to the daily homework assignments (ungraded) there will be regular problem sets (graded). Since class participation is important, students are expected to attend every class.

Coarse Goals

Upon completing the course, successful students will be able to identify and classify the various types of ordinary differential equations, be proficient in the various techniques needed to solve several different types of differential equations, understand ordinary differential equations conceptually and be able to use them to model problems, and gain a further appreciation of the beauty and utility of mathematics.

Grading

Your final grade will be based on; Maple projects (about 50 points), 3 graded problem sets (100 points each), 3 equally weighted hourly exams (100 points each), and a comprehensive final exam (at most one third of your total grade). You are responsible for all work covered in class and all assignments, even if absent from class. If you must miss more than one class due to illness or emergency, you should notify the instructor. **In-class exams must be taken at the announced time; make-up exams will be given only in case of extreme emergency or serious illness. The final exam is scheduled for Monday May 4, 2015 at 8:30.** The following grading scale is used for assigning your final grade.

		86 – 89	<i>B+</i>	76 – 79	<i>C+</i>	66 – 69	<i>D+</i>	≤ 59	<i>F</i>
93 – 100	<i>A</i>	83 – 85	<i>B</i>	73 – 75	<i>C</i>	63 – 65	<i>D</i>		
90 – 92	<i>A–</i>	80 – 82	<i>B–</i>	70 – 72	<i>C–</i>	60 – 62	<i>D–</i>		

Accommodations

Students who wish to request accommodations in this class for a disability should contact Ms. Elaine Mara, Assistant Director of Academic & Disability Support, located on the first floor of Monocacy Hall (extension 1401). Accommodations cannot be provided until authorization is received from the Academic & Disability Support office.

Extra Credit

One goal for this course is to develop an appreciation of the beauty and utility of mathematics. To help foster this appreciation you should spend some time outside of class thinking and discussing mathematics.

There are no specific requirements for this portion of the course but many opportunities for you to earn extra credit. Some examples of such activities include: attending talks, giving a talk, reading a paper, or solving a problem.

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- attending an epsilon talk
- attending a Mathematics Colloquium at Moravian
- attending a math talk at another LVAIC school
- attending the EPADEL conference in April
- solving a problem outside the scope of the class (5-infinite points)

If you attend an event relevant to your mathematical growth, then to earn extra credit you need to write a short paper that explains what the event was and how it deepened your appreciation of differential equations or mathematics. **For any talks you attend a write up is due within one week of when the talk was given. No extra credit points will be accepted after the second last Friday (April 24, 2015) of the term.**

ACADEMIC HONESTY POLICY GUIDELINES MATHEMATICS COURSES

The Mathematics and Computer Science Department supports and is governed by the Academic Honesty Policy of Moravian College as stated in the Moravian College Student Handbook (pp. 27-32). The following statements will help clarify the policies of members of the Mathematics faculty.

In all homework assignments which are to be graded, you may use your class notes and any books or library sources. When you use the ideas or thoughts of others, however, you must acknowledge the source. For graded homework assignments, you may not use a solution manual or the help, orally or in written form, of an individual other than your instructor. If you receive help from anyone other than your instructor or if you fail to reference your sources you will be violating the Academic Honesty Policy of Moravian College. For homework which is not to be graded, if you choose, you may work with your fellow students. You are responsible for understanding and being able to explain the solution of all assigned problems, both graded and ungraded.

All in-class or take-home tests and quizzes are to be completed by you alone without the aid of books, study sheets, or formula sheets unless specifically allowed by your instructor for a particular test.

Note: This syllabus is a guideline for the course. It may be necessary to make changes during the semester. I will announce any changes in class.