

Math 316 – Ordinary Differential Equations (Summer 2013)

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Course Description:

This is an introduction to the theory and applications of ordinary differential equations. The topics to be covered include: elementary theory of linear ODEs, numerical methods, applications and modeling, introduction to nonlinear equations, systems of equations, and the Laplace transform.

Texts:

- (Required) "Differential Equations: An Introduction to Modern Methods and Applications," 2nd Edition, by Brannan and Boyce, Wiley.
- (Optional) "Ordinary Differential Equations using MATLAB," 3rd Edition, by Polking and Arnold, Pearson.
- (Recommended) "A First Course in Differential Equations," 5th Edition, by Dennis Zill, Brooks/Cole.

Prerequisites:

Math 163 (Calc II)

Corequisites:

CS 151 or CS 251 or Phys 290 or ECE 131

Recommended:

Math 314 or Math 321 (Linear Algebra), Math 264 (Calc III)

Grading:

- Weekly Homework - 30%
- Four Exams: 20% each (No calculators! The lowest grade will be dropped.)
- Two MATLAB assignments: 5% each

Attendance:

While attendance is not mandatory (*i.e.*, not a part of your grade), you are expected to come to every class on time! Note that I reserve the right to drop any student based on non-attendance (which may include persistent lateness). This policy applies regardless of the grading option you have chosen.

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NO CHEATING AND ABSOLUTELY NO CELL PHONES! Laptops may be used for note-taking. Please don't abuse this privilege!