

# MA 114 INTRODUCTION TO FINITE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS

Spring 2019 Section 004

<b>Time:</b>	MW 6:00 – 7:15	<b>Place:</b>	SAS 1102
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## Office Hours:

- Wes Nelson: SAS 4117; TW 1-2pm, Th 11am-12noon, and by appointment
- Erica Swain: Language and Computer Labs 202; MW 4:30-5:30 and T 10-11am
- Free Tutoring through MMC: SAS 2103/2105; MTWTh 9-5, F 9-4  
<https://math.sciences.ncsu.edu/undergraduate/courses-faq/math-multimedia-center/>

## Textbook:

Finite Mathematics by Waner and Costenoble, 6th edition. The eBook is available in WebAssign.

## Course Description:

Elementary matrix algebra including arithmetic operations, inverses, and systems of equations; introduction to linear programming including simplex method; sets and counting techniques, elementary probability including conditional probability; Markov chains; applications in behavioral, managerial and biological sciences. Computer use for completion of assignments.

## Prerequisites:

MA 101 or equivalent completed in high school.

## Grades:

This course uses standard NCSU letter grading, with no rounding.

- $90 \leq A- < 93$        $93 \leq A < 97$        $97 \leq A+ \leq 100$
- $80 \leq B- < 83$        $83 \leq B < 87$        $87 \leq B+ \leq 90$
- $70 \leq C- < 73$        $73 \leq C < 77$        $77 \leq C+ \leq 80$
- $60 \leq D- < 63$        $63 \leq D < 67$        $67 \leq D+ \leq 70$
- $0 \leq F < 60$

Grade Component	Weight	Details
WebAssign Homework	30%	Homework will be done through WebAssign and will be due frequently.
In-Class Tests	45%	There will be three in-class tests, each worth 15% of your grade.
Final Exam	25%	The final exam will be given on Mon., Apr. 29 at 6-9pm.

**Schedule:**

We will be following the approximate schedule below:

Week 1 (1/7-1/11)	Sections 1.1-1.2 (numerical, graphical, and algebraic view of functions, functions and models)
Weeks 2-3 (1/14-1/25, <b>no class on 1/21</b> )	Sections 1.3 (linear functions and models), Chapter 3 (systems of linear equations, solving with matrices, applications)
Week 4 (1/28-2/1)	Sections 4.1-4.3 (matrix algebra)
Week 5 (2/4-2/8)	Review and Test 1 covering through 4.3
Week 6 (2/11-2/15)	Sections 4.4 and 4.5 (game theory, input-output models)
Week 7-8 (2/18-3/1)	Chapter 5 (linear programming, simplex method)
Week 9 (3/4-3/8)	Review and Test 2
<b>Spring Break</b>	
Week 10,11 (3/18-3/29)	Chapter 6 (sets and counting, permutations and combinations)
Week 12 (4/1-4/5)	Sections 7.1-7.3 (sample spaces, relative frequency, probability)
Week 13 (4/8-4/12)	Review and Test 3
Week 14,15 (4/15-4/26)	Sections 7.4-7.7 (probability and counting, Bayes' Theorem, Markov Chains)

Important dates:

- Test 1: Wednesday, February 6th
- Test 2: Wednesday, March 6th
- Test 3: Wednesday, April 10th
- Final: Monday, April 29th at 6-9pm

It is the responsibility of the student to coordinate with the instructor to schedule a time to take missed tests. Such notification should be done prior to any test being missed.

**IMPORTANT:** Before the first test 3 small blue books and 1 large blue book must be passed in to either the instructor or TA. An extra 5 points on the first test will be awarded to those that pass these in by January 23rd. Blue books are to be passed in without any writing on them.

**Grading Disputes:** If after receiving a graded test a student believes there is a grading error or believes that a mistake has been made a re-grade request may be made. Such a request involves writing down the perceived issue and passing in both the test blue book and the written synopsis of the situation to the instructor or TA. The instructor or TA will then evaluate the situation, make any changes if necessary, and will ultimately return the blue book to the student.

**Attendance:**

After January 18th (Official Enrollment Date) regular attendance will be recorded. To accomodate recording attendances, on Wednesday, January 23rd, a seating chart will be created and students are to sit in said seats for the remainder of the course. At the end of the semester, students with 4 or less absences will be eligible to have their lowest test grade replaced with their highest test grade. The final exam will not be eligible for being replaced.

#### **Course Website:**

We will be using the Moodle learning management system (<http://wolfware.ncsu.edu>) for this course. You will log in using your Unity ID and password. (Refer to online information at <http://oit.ncsu.edu/unityid> or contact (919) 515 - HELP or [HELP@ncsu.edu](mailto:HELP@ncsu.edu) for assistance with your Unity ID). After the beginning of the semester, you will see a link to our course site.

Homework will be managed through WebAssign (<https://webassign.net/ncsu/login.html>).

#### **Course Communications:**

Modes of communication in use for this course include email, office hours, and Moodle.

- Moodle discussion forum will be used to facilitate class discussion. Check these forums often and please feel free to reply to your fellow students' post.
- The instructor will do their best to respond to weekday e-mails and posts within 24 hours. Email messages or posts left after 4pm Friday will be responded to by Monday evening.
- If you would like to speak with the instructor in person and you can't make it to the posted office hours, please email them to schedule a time that is convenient. Include several time slots that would work for you in your email.

Please be aware that ALL email communications for this course will be sent to your NCSU unity email.

If you have a question that the whole class may benefit from hearing the answer to, please post on the "Course Content Q&A" forum. The instructor will check this forum often to respond to open questions. You should also check frequently to answer or ask questions.

If you have a question that is very specific to the work you have done (i.e. if you nearly finished your work but got stuck towards the end), you can email your instructor with your question. Including a scan or photo of your work can help. If the instructor receives an email with a question more appropriate to the forum, they may copy and paste the question there without identifying the student who sent it.

#### **Academic Integrity:**

Students are required to comply with the university policy on academic integrity found in the Code of Student Conduct found at <http://policies.ncsu.edu/policy/pol-11-35-01>. The NCSU Student Code of Conduct (<https://studentconduct.dasa.ncsu.edu/code/>) covers all work done in this course. Any suspected violations will be promptly reported. Academic dishonesty will result in an automatic failing grade for the course.

#### **Course Evaluations:**

A formal evaluation is conducted by the University at the end of the semester and the goal is to achieve 100% class participation in this survey. Online class evaluations will be available for students to complete during the last two weeks of class. Students will receive an email message directing them to a website where they can login using their Unity ID and complete evaluations. All evaluations are confidential; instructors will never know how any one student responded to any question, and students will never know the ratings for any particular instructor.

#### **Accommodations for Disabilities:**

Reasonable accommodations will be made for students with verifiable disabilities. In order to take advantage of available accommodations, students must register with the Disability Resource Office at Holmes Hall, Suite 304, 2751 Cates Avenue, Campus Box 7509, 919-515-7653. For more information on NC States

policy on working with students with disabilities, please see the Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities Regulation (REG02.20.01) (<https://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-02-20-01/>).

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