

Spring 2025 MATH231 Syllabus

This document can be found on [the course webpage](#).

Course info

- **Instructor:** Xinran Yu
- **Time & location:** MWF 10-10:50am, 1ALLEN-40, Allen Residence Hall.
Spring Break: March 15–23 (No classes)
- **Textbook:** James Stewart, *Calculus: Early Transcendentals*, 8th edition.
We will cover Chapters 7, 8, 10 and 11 of the textbook, see [department syllabus](#) for detail.

Contact

- Email: xinran4@illinois.edu.
 - **Please include "MATH231" in your email subject line.**
 - Email is not a very good place to ask Math questions, since it is hard for me to type Math symbols. Take advantage of the office hour.
 - If you haven't received any reply within two days, feel free to send me a reminder.
- Office hour: TBA

Grading

Grades will be posted via [Canvas](#). Homework and exams will not be curved individually, but final grades will be adjusted based on the overall distribution.

- **Homework (30%):** There will be weekly homework assignments, except during exam weeks. The lowest homework score will be dropped.
Late homework counts 50% of the grade you get.
- **Quizzes (15%):** There will be weekly in-class quizzes, each lasting 10 minutes. The lowest two scores will be dropped.
- **Midterms (30%):** No calculators are allowed for midterms.
There will be four midterms, all held during regular class time (50 min). No conflict exams or make-up exams will be given. Instead, the lowest midterm score will be dropped.
- **Final Exam (25%):** No calculators are allowed for the final exam. The department will assign the location and time, which can be found on the Course Explorer.

- **Extra Credit (up to 3 points):** Extra credit is available for participation and solving challenging problems. You can earn up to 3 extra credit points through the following:
 - Office Hour Participation: Attend office hours and ask math-related questions to earn 1 point per session.
 - Extra Credit Problem on Exams: Each exam will include an extra credit problem worth 1 point.
 - More extra credit opportunities might pop up during the semester (no promises though :))

The default letter-grade cut-offs are as follows:

[97, 100] A+	[93, 97) A	[90, 93) A-
[87, 90) B+	[83, 87) B	[80, 83) B-
[77, 80) C+	[73, 77) C	[70, 73) C-
[67, 70) D+	[63, 67) D	[59, 63) D-
[0, 59) F		

Accommodation

- Please contact the Disability Resources & Educational Services ([DRES](#)), if you need any sort of accommodation.
- You'll need to **email me** once you get the accommodation letter.