

University of Alberta
Department of Mathematical & Statistical Sciences

MATH 201 (EB1) – Differential Equations – Fall 2019

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Course Web Page:

www.math.ualberta.ca/~abberger/courses/math201_19f/math201_19f.html

(also accessible via MATH 201 eClass, section EB1)

Please make a habit of visiting this site regularly.

Course Description:

First-order equations; second-order linear equations: reduction of order, variation of parameters; Laplace transform; linear systems; power series; solution by series; separation of variables for PDEs.

Course Pre-/Corequisite:

MATH 209 or 214.

Notes: (1) Open only to Engineering students and Science students in the following programs: Specialization Physics, Specialization Geophysics or Specialization Computing Science. (2) Credit can be obtained in at most one of MATH 201, 334 or 336. (3) Students in all sections of this course will write a common final examination. Non-Engineering students who take this course will receive *3.0.

Recommended textbook(s):

Fundamentals of Differential Equations by R. Kent Nagle, Edward B. Saff, and Arthur D. Snider, 9th Edition. (A good free alternative is *Elementary Differential Equations with Boundary Value Problems* by William F. Trench, available electronically at <http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/mono/9/>.)

Syllabus:

This course offers an introduction to differential equations and their applications, roughly covering sections 2.1–4, 2.6, 4.1–7, 4.9–10, 7.2–10, 8.2–4, 10.1–6 of the textbook.

Grade Evaluation:

The course mark is to be calculated as follows:

Course Component	Weight of Total Mark	Date
Assignments	10%	approximately bi-weekly, see below

Midterm I	26%	5 October 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm
Midterm II	26%	2 November 2019, 1:00-2:30 pm
Final Exam	38%	14 December 2019, 9:00-11:00 am

Note: The date of the final examination is set by the Registrar and takes precedence over the final examination date reported in this document. Students must verify this date on BearTracks when the Final Exam Schedule is posted.

The final letter grade is determined from the course mark as follows: An overall mark of 50% or more guarantees a passing grade of at least D; an overall course mark of 90% or more guarantees a grade of at least A-. Grades are unofficial until approved by the Department and/or Faculty offering the course.

Labs:

There will be weekly labs, starting **9 September 2019**. There will be no lab quizzes.

Assignments:

There will be five bi-weekly assignments during the term, each of equal weight, posted on eClass. Due dates and submission details regarding the homework will be provided in class, as appropriate, and posted on eClass. Your final assignment mark will be determined by your best **four** assignments, i.e., you can miss one assignment without consequences for your mark. Beyond this, no excused absence for assignments will be considered.

Exam Format and Aids:

All exams are closed-book and may have a multiple-choice component. No individual formula sheets, calculators and any other electronic aids are permitted during examinations.

Representative Evaluative Material:

You are encouraged to have a look at old MATH 201 tests and exams (available from various Engineering undergraduate societies). Sample exams will also be made available prior to examinations.

Excused Absence Where the Cause is Religious Belief:

For an excused absence where the cause is religious belief, the student must contact the instructor within **two weeks** of the start of Fall classes to request accommodation for the term (including the final exam). Instructors may request adequate documentation to substantiate the student request.

Missed Midterm Exams:

There will be **no deferred midterm exams**. If you cannot write a midterm due to incapacitating illness, severe domestic affliction or other compelling reasons you can apply for an excused absence. In order to do so, you must present supporting documentation pertaining to the absence to the instructor within two working days following the scheduled date of the missed midterm, or as soon as you are able, having regard to the circumstances underlying the absence. In all cases, instructors may request adequate documentation to substantiate the reason for the absence at their discretion. If the reason for your absence is deemed valid, the weight of a missed midterm will be transferred to the Final Exam.

Note: An excused absence is a privilege and not a right; there is no guarantee that an absence will be excused. Misrepresentation of Facts to gain an excused absence is a serious breach of the *Code of Student Behaviour*.

Missed Final Examination:

A student who cannot write the final examination due to incapacitating illness, severe domestic affliction or other compelling reasons can apply for a deferred final examination. Such an application must be made to the student's Faculty office within two working days of the missed examination and must be supported by a Statutory Declaration or other appropriate documentation (Calendar section 23.5.6). Deferred examinations are a privilege and not a right; there is no guarantee that a deferred examination will be granted. Students who failed at the start of term to request exam accommodations for religious beliefs are expected to follow the normal deferred final examination process. Misrepresentation of Facts to gain a deferred examination is a serious breach of the *Code of Student Behaviour*. Any deferred final examinations are scheduled for **11 January 2020 at 9 am** (register at **8:30 am** on the third floor of CAB).

Reexamination:

There will be no reexaminations for this course.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Academic Integrity:

The University of Alberta is committed to the highest standards of academic integrity and honesty. Students are expected to be familiar with these standards regarding academic honesty and to uphold the policies of the University in this respect. Students are particularly urged to familiarize themselves with the provisions of the *Code of Student Behaviour* (online at www.governance.ualberta.ca) and avoid any behaviour which could potentially result in suspicions of cheating, plagiarism, misrepresentation of facts and/or participation in an offence. Academic dishonesty is a serious offence and can result in suspension or expulsion from the University.

All forms of dishonesty are unacceptable at the University. Any offense will be reported to the Senior Associate Dean of Science who will determine the disciplinary action to be taken. Cheating, plagiarism and misrepresentation of facts are serious offenses. Anyone who engages in these practices will receive at minimum a grade of zero for the exam or paper in question, and no opportunity will be given to replace the grade or redistribute the weights. As well, in the Faculty of Science the sanction for **cheating** on any examination will include **a disciplinary failing grade** (no exceptions) and senior students should expect a period of suspension or expulsion from the University of Alberta.

Exams:

Your student photo I.D. is required at exams to verify your identity. Students will not be allowed to begin an examination after it has been in progress for 30 minutes. Students must remain in the exam room until at least 30 minutes have elapsed. During exams students are

not allowed to use textbooks, notes, calculators, cell phones, or any other electronic equipment.

Recording and/or Distribution of Course Materials:

Audio or video recording, digital or otherwise, of lectures, labs, seminars or any other teaching environment by students is allowed only with the prior written consent of the instructor or as a part of an approved accommodation plan. Student or instructor content, digital or otherwise, created and/or used within the context of the course is to be used solely for personal study, and is not to be used or distributed for any other purpose without prior written consent from the content author(s).

Students Eligible for Accessibility-Related Accommodations (students registered with Student Accessibility Services):

Eligible students have both rights and responsibilities with regard to accessibility-related accommodations. Consequently, scheduling exam accommodations in accordance with SAS deadlines and procedures is essential. Please note that adherence to procedures and deadlines is required for U of A to provide accommodations. Please contact Student Accessibility Services (www.ssds.ualberta.ca) for further information.

Student Success Centre:

Students who want to improve their learning and academic capacity (such as better time management, study skills or examination skills) are encouraged to contact the Student Success Centre (2-300 Students' Union Building).

Decima Robinson Support Centre for Mathematical & Statistical Sciences:

Students who require additional help with assignments or have questions about the course material in general are encouraged to visit the Decima Robinson Support Centre (CAB 528). Graduate students will be available to provide one-on-one help. In order to get maximum help during each visit, students are asked to be specific about the problem with which they are seeking help. The Centre is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Disclaimer:

Any typographical errors in this Course Outline are subject to change; corrections will be announced in class.

A policy about course outlines can be found in §23.4(2) of the University Calendar.
