COURSE POLICY
MATH 2214 – Introduction to Differential Equations – Spring 2014
CRN 14618, 2:30pm – 3:45pm MW, 104C Surge

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Text

Prerequisites
- Math 1114
- Math 1206 or Math 2015

Web Information
- Scholar: The course contract, syllabus, and other materials essential to this course can be found on our class Scholar site. You will be responsible for any information that is posted on Scholar.
- Course Website: www.math.vt.edu/courses/math2214
  Please check this website for information.

Grading
- Assignments (HW/In-class quizzes) 20%
- Tests (3) 60% (20% each)
- Final Exam 20%

A 90% will guarantee an A-, 80% a B-, 70% a C-, 60% a D-. Plus and minus grades will be assigned at the instructor’s discretion.

Grading Appeals
Specific grading disputes should be brought to my attention within one week of return of the assignment. Appeals outside of this timeframe will not be considered.
Homework and In-Class Quizzes

There will be at most two assignments due in class each week, either in the form of homework or an in-class quiz. You are encouraged to work together on homework assignments, however your final write-up must be done independently. The Virginia Tech Honor Code applies to all assignments. Homework has to be turned in paper form, handwritten. No late assignments will be accepted and there will be no makeup quizzes.

Exams and Tests

There will be three in-class tests and a common-time final exam. Students must take the tests and exams on the specified dates. No make-up exams or tests will be given. If it is to the students benefit, the grade on the final exam will replace the lowest test grade.

If a student misses an exam for reasons that are serious, unavoidable, and beyond the student’s control, please contact the instructor as soon as possible and the situation will be handled on an individual basis.

Final Exam: 4:25-6:25 pm, Friday, May 9, 2014.

The first half is the common time final and the second half is a free response part written by the instructor. Please note, that, unlike regular final exams, common time finals are not necessarily in the same room as your class. Rooms will be announced later.

Classroom Courtesy

You and your classmates are entitled to learn in an atmosphere of mutual respect, and freedom from distractions and disturbances. The following guidelines are in effect for this class:

- Students are expected to arrive on time and stay until class is dismissed.
- If you know ahead of time that you will be late or must leave early, please let me know in advance, sit as near the exit as possible, and enter or leave quietly
- Talking to classmates during class, aside from group assignments, is disruptive to those around you and will not be tolerated. If you engage in such behavior, I can and may ask you to leave.
- Laptops used as a tablet PC are permitted provided they are used in the flat, tablet position. Open laptops are not allowed.
- Cell phones must be silent or turned off. That goes for anything else electronic that makes noise.
Attendance

Class attendance will be taken daily and kept for Mathematics Department records. Students are responsible for course materials and announcements covered in class.

Honor System

The Virginia Tech Honor System will be strictly enforced. Tests (including the final exam) and quizzes must be solely the individual’s work. Homework, however, may be completed in collaboration with others but should be written up on an individual basis. It is your responsibility to seek clarification if there is any question about how the Honor Code applies to a given assignment.

Disability Statement

If you need adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.

Caution

If you are not on the class roll that comes out after the last “add” date, you are not enrolled in the class. It is your responsibility to make sure you are attending the proper section. For no foreseeable reason (computer and/or registrar personnel mistakes included) will you be allowed to stay in the wrong section. Your work will not be graded. Simply attending a section will NOT entitle you to be placed on its roll.

Important Dates: Students are responsible for confirming all dates listed below:

- Last Day to Add Classes – January 27
- Last Day to Drop Classes (without grade penalty) – March 3
- Spring Break - March 8 to March 16
- Last Day to Resign (without grade penalty) - March 24
- Last Day to Apply for Course Withdrawal - May 2
- Last Day of Classes – May 7

Office Hours

You will find that I am more than happy to answer questions about assigned problems during office hours, however my office is not the place to actually do the homework. Before you ask for help with a problem, you should first have copied it onto your paper, thought through what is being given and what you are asked to do, and done some preliminary work towards a solution. Ideally you will have attempted all assigned problems first and will have a clear idea about what specific questions you have before you sit down with me.