Math 2214      Spring 2016      Course Policy

CRN 19399:  12:30 p.m. TTR  in Surge 118-B
CRN 15351:  3:30 p.m. TTR  in Goodwin 145

Text: Elementary Differential Equations by Kohler & Johnson 2nd ed

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Please check the Class Information Page on a daily basis for all class updates and office hours.

Homework and quizzes: The Assignment sheet will be covered. The student is expected to prepare for class by reading the material. The Instructor will assume that you are reading the material in the book and will often refer to concepts and examples in the sections that have been discussed or is currently being discussed. There will also be informal class work, homework, in class quizzes and Emporium quizzes to help you better understands the concepts under discussion. You will be able to drop a total of two grades from homework, class work and quizzes. Missed work can only be made up with my permission and never after graded work has been handed back. Try to make arrangements ahead of time.

Exams: There will be three in class tests and a Two part Final Exam. No make up test will be given unless I feel that your circumstances warrant reconsideration on my part. The Final Exam grade may replace a missing test grade or one test grade that is lower than the final exam grade. The Final exam will given in two parts. The final exam is a common time departmental exam and a free response exam. The exam is scheduled for May 6 at 4:25 – 6:25pm. Room will be announced.

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Final grades will be set according to the usual 10-point scale; i.e. 90% guarantees at least an A-, 80% at least a B- etc.

Attendance: Attendance will be taken each class period. It is your complete responsibility to know what goes on in class whether you are there or not. It is a well-known fact that in a university course, poor attendance and poor grades are closely related. If you miss a class, it is equivalent to missing a week in high school. If you miss a class, all your classes can suffer as you try to make up lost time in the missed class. Summer school covers material very quickly and you need to stay up with the material. One day of material is equivalent to a week of material in regular session.
**Honor Policy:** I will assume that you have read the Va Tech Honor policy and I expect you to abide by this policy. There will be a lot of collaborative work in the class. Each of you must ensure that each member of your group fulfills his/her responsibilities to the group and to themselves as students. I feel that discussing math problems can be helpful to many students. I recommend study groups. If someone helps you as an individual on a problem to be turned in, then you must try that problem completely on your own before you turn it in as your own work. I consider work turned in to me to be graded to be implicitly pledged to that effect. It is obvious to your instructor whether you are doing your own work or not. It will show on the test at any rate. It is a waste of precious time for all of us if you do not do your own work. Do not put yourself, your instructor and your parents in the position of having to deal with the honor court and the consequences.

**From the Math Dept:** If you are not on the class roll that comes out after the last “add” date, immediately check your schedule at a terminal or at the registrar’s office and start attending the proper section. For NO foreseeable reason (computer and registrar personnel mistakes included) will you be allowed to stay in the wrong section or to drop the section for which you are actually enrolled. You will not be placed on the roll for any section just because you are attending that section.