MATH 2214 (#85819)
Introduction to Differential Equations: Fall 2018
Tentative Course Policy Sheet
TR, 2:00–3:15PM, Surge 107

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Tuesday 9:30–10:30 (McBryde 426)
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You are invited to e-mail the instructor to schedule an appointment if regular times are not sufficient.

E-mail correspondence List your name and course number (MATH 2214) in all e-mail correspondence. Please do not email via Canvas.

Prerequisites (MATH 1114 (MIN grade of P) or MATH 1114H (MIN grade of P) or MATH 2114 (MIN grade of P) or MATH 2114H) (MIN grade of P), (MATH 1206 (MIN grade of P) or MATH 1226) (MIN grade of P).


Software MATLAB will be used in this course.

Engineering students will have MATLAB in their software bundle. All other majors need to purchase MATLAB from The Software Distribution Office that is located in 3240 Torgersen Hall. For more information see https://itpals.vt.edu/index/softwarelicensingcenter/studentsoftware/studentswproductlist/matlab.html

The estimated cost is $27 + tax and this MATLAB license will be valid for as long as you are enrolled at Virginia Tech. This license also includes annual updates.

Calculators No calculators or the use of other electronic devices will be allowed during an in-class exam.

Course Resources All course related material and announcements will be posted on the MATH 2214 – 85819 Canvas site. Check this site regularly for announcements and materials.

There is also a general course web page http://www.math.vt.edu/courses/math2214 where you will find recent common time finals.

Homework Regular homework assignments will be given, and the list of homework problems will be updated to reflect the material that we covered up to that point. The list will be posted on the MATH 2214 Canvas site. I will assume that you have completed all the assigned homework problems, and that you will ask for assistance if you are unsure about your solution or how to approach a particular problem.

The objective of the homework problems is to practice and/or familiarize yourself with a new technique or concept.

Quizzes There will be regular in-class quizzes. The instructor will announce, and post on the course website, the content that the quiz will cover. There will also be regular cumulative online quizzes. The
online testing system can be accessed at http://www.emporium.vt.edu/emporium/entersystems.html. Online practice quizzes are also available through this online system.

There will be no make-up quizzes.

Graded work It is your responsibility to keep copies of all graded work handed back to you.

Exams Three exams will be given during the semester as well as a comprehensive final exam that includes a multiple choice common time final and a written exam.

Tentative Exam Dates
- Exam 1: Thursday, September 20
- Exam 2: Tuesday, October 23
- Exam 3: Thursday, November 29

The final exam is scheduled for Wednesday, December 12, 11:05–13:05. The location will be announced closer to the exam.

Determination of Final Grade
The three in-class exams contribute 50% and the final exam 20% towards the final grade. Quizzes, graded homework and projects count 30%. A final grade of 94% and higher will guarantee an A.

Academic Integrity
The Undergraduate Honor Code pledge that each member of the university community agrees to abide by states: “As a Hokie, I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do.” Students enrolled in this course are responsible for abiding by the Honor Code. A student who has doubts about how the Honor Code applies to any assignment is responsible for obtaining specific guidance from the course instructor before submitting the assignment for evaluation. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the University community from the requirements and expectations of the Honor Code. For additional information about the Honor Code, please visit: http://www.honorsystem.vt.edu.

The Virginia Tech honor code pledge for assignments is as follows: “I have neither given nor received unauthorized assistance on this assignment”. This pledge must be written out on all graded assignments at the university and signed by the student as an unambiguous acknowledgment that the student has, on the assignment in question, abided by the obligation that the Honor Code entails. In the absence of a written honor pledge, the Honor Code still applies to an assignment.

For graded homework assignments, you may discuss solutions with other students, but each student must do individual, independent write-ups to turn in. Direct copying of solutions or parts of solutions from any source is a violation of the honor code, as is sharing your solutions with others.

Notes, assignments, quizzes, tests, exams, solutions, and other materials distributed to or generated in this class are intended for use only by students enrolled in MATH 2214 #85819 this semester. Without the teacher’s written permission, no one may show, give, or otherwise make such class materials available to anyone not enrolled in MATH 2214 #85819 this semester. Prohibited activities include, but are not limited to, uploading a test, uploading solutions to problems, and submitting such class materials for online posting. The prohibition on sharing solutions applies to all solutions, regardless of who wrote the solutions.
General Course Policies

1. Class will start on time at 2:00 PM, no tardiness will be accepted.

2. You need permission from the instructor to use an electronic device such as an iPad, laptop tablet, laptop computer etc. during class unless it is part of the class activity.

3. Students may not record (audio or video) in this class except in accordance with Services for Students with Disabilities accommodations. Any recordings made in connection with a disability accommodation are for the student’s personal academic use only and may not be distributed in any manner to any other individual.

4. No calculators, cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed on your person during quizzes or exams.

5. Be respectful of yourself, and others in the course.

6. Let the instructor know as soon as possible if you have a disability which requires additional accommodation.

7. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions