

Math 2552 - Syllabus

Differential Equations, Georgia Tech Lorraine, 4 credit hours

Lectures: Mon & Wed, 12:35-1:55 pm, Yellow Room

Recitations: Tue & Thu, 2:30-3:30 pm, Yellow Room

Please note: Some minor modifications to this schedule are indicated in the section *Course Schedule* at the end of this syllabus.

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General Information

Description

Math 2552 is an introduction to ordinary differential equations (ODE's), with a focus on methods for solving some elementary differential equations and on real-life applications. Topics include: first and second-order differential equations, systems of first-order differential equations, Laplace transform methods, nonlinear differential equations and stability.

Pre- &/or Co-Requisites

MATH 1502 or MATH 1512 or MATH 1555 or MATH 1504 ((MATH 1552 or MATH 15X2 or MATH 1X52) and (MATH 1522 or MATH 1553 or MATH 1554 or MATH 1564 or MATH 1X53))

We will need differential calculus (differentiation and integration) as well as some linear algebra (to solve systems of linear equations and compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors).

Course Goals and Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this course, you should be able to:

- classify differential equations (e.g. by order, linearity, homogeneity),
- solve some types of differential equations and some types of systems of differential equations,
- model real-life situations using differential equations,
- analyze the stability/instability of some differential equations.

Course Requirements & Grading

There will be five quizzes (15-20 minutes), two midterms (50 minutes), and a comprehensive final exam (2 hours 50 minutes).

Course grades will be assigned using the weights from the following table yielding the highest grade:

Assessment	Weight 1	Weight 2
Participation	2%	2%
Quizzes	18%	18%
Midterms	45%	35%
Final Exam	35%	45%

Grading Scale

Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

$90\% \leq A \leq 100\%$	$80\% \leq B < 90\%$	$70\% \leq C < 80\%$	$60\% \leq D < 70\%$	$0\% \leq F < 60\%$
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Description of Course Components and Procedures

Homework

Homework will be assigned every week and will consist of exercises from the textbook. It will not be collected nor graded. You are expected to understand all homework problems for quizzes, midterms and the exam.

Quizzes

There will be five 15- to 20-minute quizzes, all given during the Thursday recitation sessions. Their tentative dates are on the last page of this syllabus. Quizzes cover material up to and including the most recent Monday lecture. Quizzes consist of questions similar to recent homework with posted solutions. Solutions to quizzes and midterms will be posted on the course website.

Midterms

There will be two 50-minute midterms, given during the Wednesday lecture, in the room where the lecture meets. Their tentative dates are on the last page of this syllabus.

Tentatively, midterms will cover the following sections.

Midterm 1: Chapter 1, Chapter 2, Sections 3.1-3.5 and 6.1-6.4

Midterm 2: Section 3.6, Chapter 4 and Sections 5.1-5.4

Final Exam

The Final Exam is comprehensive. Its duration is 2 hours and 50 minutes. It will be given in the lecture room (as per institute policy). Its date and time will be fixed by the registrar and cannot be modified (Finals Week is Dec 5-12). See <http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/students/exams.php>

Participation

A subjective assessment will be based on your “participation” in the course - examples include attendance, preparation, quality of work handed in, creativity, progress of test scores, participation in classroom discussion (engage, lead, listen, inquire, challenge, respect, etc), engagement in/commitment to course, outlining alternative methods to solve a problem, solving challenge problems. Throughout the semester a variety of participation activities will be integrated into lectures and recitation sessions. Their purpose is to encourage active learning, foster community among students, offer feedback to the instructor on student understanding and course activities, and help students become more aware of their level of understanding of the course material. Participation activities will not be held in the first and last weeks of the semester. They will only be graded for completion (not for accuracy).

Exam/Quiz Rules

- Calculators, cell phones and other devices are not allowed during quizzes, midterms and the final exam.
- Quizzes, midterms and the final exams are closed notes, books, etc.
- In midterms and in the final exam, unless you are asked to use a particular method or theorem, you are allowed to use any approach to solve the problems.
- Unless indicated otherwise, you must adequately justify your reasoning for full marks.
- Marks can be taken off in a midterm or final exam for not using the correct notation.
- Graded student quizzes and exams will be returned within one week.

Course Materials

Course Text

Differential Equations: An Introduction to Modern Methods & Applications, by James R. Brannan and William E. Boyce (3rd edition), John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

We will roughly cover Chapters 1 through 7 of the textbook.

Additional Materials/Resources

Office hours are important for discussing material covered in class, getting help to solve homework assignments, asking for specific or personalized help, and discussing about difficulties. Please come to office hours. If you cannot come at the fixed schedule, we can fix an appointment at a different time. Additional practice material and extended office hours will be offered prior to midterms and to the final exam.

Course Website and Other Classroom Management Tools

Course Website: <http://www.iecl.univ-lorraine.fr/~Angela.Pasquale/courses/2019/Math2552/Fall19.html>
The course website includes lecture materials, homework assignments and course-related documents.

Canvas will be used for course grades and announcements. See <https://canvas.gatech.edu/>

Assessments: <https://crowdmark.com/>

Quizzes and midterms will be returned by email via Crowdmark. Students do not need to create an account on Crowdmark. Students who do not want their work returned by email or through Crowdmark can request to have a hard copy of their work returned to them.

You are responsible for keeping up with emails to your student account as well as for reading announcements and downloading course material from the course webpage and/or Canvas.

Course Expectations & Guidelines

Academic Integrity

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. For information on Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code, please visit <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/> or <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/>.

Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarizing on a quiz or exam will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

If you have learning needs that require some adaptations for you to succeed in this course, please contact the Office of Disability Services (<http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/>) as soon as possible. We can arrange to accommodate your learning needs based on their recommendations.

Attendance and/or Participation

You are expected to attend and participate in all classes. Please try to be on time and do not leave early unless it is really needed. An absence does not relieve you of your responsibility for obtaining the material of the class you missed.

Collaboration & Group Work

Students are required to follow the Georgia Tech Honor Code which might be found at: <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/>

Students are allowed and even encouraged to collaborate on homework assignments. Any help or assistance received must be acknowledged. Graded work in quizzes, midterms and the final exam must be personal work, not copied from anywhere else (including solution manuals and internet sources).

Scheduled/Missed Exams

In general, no make-up exams will be given and any missed exam results in a "0" score.

If you have a valid reason to request a make-up exam, please contact your instructor as early as possible. Only extraordinary cases will be considered.

In the event of a medical emergency or an illness that is severe enough to require medical attention, students are responsible for contacting the Office of the Dean of Students as soon as possible to report the medical issue or emergency, providing dated documentation from a medical professional and requesting assistance in notifying their instructors. It is the expectation of the Institute that instructional faculty will honor a request from the Office of the Dean of Students to excuse a medical emergency or illness and allow make-up of the work missed, including quizzes, midterms and the final exam.

Students who will miss a midterm or final exam due to a university-sponsored event or athletics should provide their instructor with the official documentation in advance. Any student who misses a quiz or midterm, with reasonable explanation, can write a make-up. Students must notify their instructor as soon as they can to make necessary arrangements.

Re-grade Requests for Midterms and Quizzes

- If any of your work has been graded in error, you should contact your instructor as soon as possible. Re-grade requests must be submitted within two weeks after the work has been returned to you.
- A re-grade request can only be submitted if you did something correct that was marked as incorrect.
- You must check your answers with the solutions before submitting such a request.
- Teaching assistants are not permitted to handle re-grade requests.
- Should you wish to have your work re-graded, please do not change or add to the work on your paper.
- To submit a re-grade request, you must send your instructor an email from your GT email account that contains your first and last name, the midterm you are referring to, the question(s) you are referring to, and a description of what was graded incorrectly.

Student-Faculty Expectations Agreement

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgement, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/22/> for an articulation of some basic expectations that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

Your feedback is important to me. Please talk to me about things I can do, start, stop and/or continue doing to make my classroom an environment in which every student feels valued and can engage actively in our learning community.

Student Use of Mobile Devices in the Classroom

Cell phones should be silent and put away during classes. Devices like tablets or laptops can be used for the only purpose of taking notes, as long as this is not distracting to the other students.

Campus-Wide Dates

Aug 23, 2019	First day of class
Sep 30 (noon, Atlanta time)	Progress Report Deadline
Oct 26	Withdrawal Deadline: last day to withdraw with a grade of "W"
Oct 28-Nov 1	GTL Fall Recess
Dec 2-3	Final Instructional Class Days
Dec 4 (all day), Dec 5 and Dec 10 (8:00 am - 2:40 pm)	Reading Periods
Dec 5-12	Final Exam Period
Dec 16, 2019	Final Grade Submission Deadline (noon, Atlanta time)

For further information on campus-wide dates see <http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/calendar>

The schedule of the final exam will be fixed by the registrar by the end of September and is non negotiable. See <http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/students/exams.php>

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Tentative Course Schedule

The schedule below is tentative and subject to changes depending on the flow of the course. Possible changes will be announced in class and on the course website.

Please note:

- There will be a lecture on Fri, Aug 23, from 9:30 to 11:00, in the Pink Room.
- No lecture on Mon, Nov 11 (Armistice Day). This lecture is rescheduled on Fri, Nov 15, 12:30-2:00 pm, Yellow Room.
- No lectures on Mon, Oct 21 and Wed, Oct 23 (to be rescheduled).

Week and Dates	Section Coverage in Lecture	Quizzes, Midterms	Registrar
Week 1 Aug 19 - 23	(class of Monday moved to Friday) 1.1, 1.2, 1.3		
Week 2 Aug 26 - 30	2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5	Quiz 1 (Thu, Aug 29) 15-20 minutes/yellow room	
Week 3 Sep 2- 6	2.6, 2.7, 3.1, 3.2, 6.1		
Week 4 Sep 9 - 13	3.3, 6.2, 6.3	Quiz 2 (Thu, Sep 12) 15-20 minutes/yellow room	
Week 5 Sep 16 - 20	3.4, 6.4, 3.5		
Week 6 Sep 23 - 27	3.6, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3	Midterm 1 (Wed, Sep 25) 50 minutes/yellow room	
Week 7 Sep 30 - Oct 4	4.3, 4.5, 4.7		Progress Report Due Sep 30
Week 8 Oct 7 - 11	4.7, 4.4	Quiz 3 (Thu, Oct 3) 15-20 minutes/yellow room	
Week 9 Oct 14 - 18	4.4, 4.6, 5.1, 5.2		
Week 10 Oct 21 - 25	No lectures this week. Lectures to be rescheduled: 5.3, 5.4	Quiz 4 (Thu, Oct 24) 15-20 minutes/yellow room	Withdrawal Deadline Oct 26
Week 11 Oct 28 - Nov 1	NO CLASS (GLT FALL RECESS)	NO CLASS (GLT FALL RECESS)	GLT FALL RECESS
Week 12 Nov 4 - 8	5.5, 5.6	Midterm 2 (Wed, Nov 6) 50 minutes/yellow room	
Week 13 Nov 11 - 15	(class of Monday moved to Friday) 5.7, 5.8, 7.1		
Week 14 Nov 18 - 22	7.2, 7.3, 7.4	Quiz 5 (Thu, Nov 21) 15-20 minutes/red room	
Week 15 Nov 25 - 29	8.1, 8.2, 8.3		
Week 16 Dec 2 - 3	Final Instructional Days	Review for Final Exam	
Week 17 Dec 5 - 12	Finals		