Syllabus: MATH 340, Fall 2013

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Section Number: 0201
Class Time: MWF 2-3:15
Classroom: MTH 1308

Information on the class web page supersedes any information on this sheet.

Texts

For additional information and errata, see:

Course Description
This class will cover material from MATH 241 (Multivariable Calculus) and much of MATH 240 (Linear Algebra). The rest of the MATH 240 material, as well as MATH 246 (Ordinary Differential Equations) and some related topics, will be covered in MATH 341 next semester. This semester we will cover most of Chapters 1–5 of the textbook, and part of Chapter 6. This class will be intensive; the material in this 4 credit course represents at least 6 credits worth of material in the regular courses, and we will cover it in greater depth than those courses do.

Policies and Procedures
Office Hours. Students in my undergraduate classes have priority during my office hours. If you find me talking to someone else when you come, please knock and let me know you are there. You are also welcome to phone me during an office hour if you cannot come in person. If you drop in or call at other times, I may be able to help, but I may also have to tell you I’m busy. Email is fine for logistical matters, especially if you need to miss class, but mathematical questions are better addressed in person or by phone.

Homework and Quizzes. Homework will be assigned weekly but not collected. Instead, on the due dates we will have a brief quiz (closed book, closed notes) with problems selected from the assigned homework. Your job each week is to learn how to do the homework problems, and you are encouraged to consult with each other and any other available resources to solve the problems. Homework problems will not be announced in class; they will be posted on the class web site about one week prior to the due date.
Computer Assignments.  Computer assignments involving MATLAB will be given on an occasional basis. On the computer assignments, you may work alone or in a team of 2 people; each team will turn in a single report and each member of the team will receive the same grade for the assignment.

Academic Integrity.  You should be familiar with the campus Code of Academic Integrity; see:

http://www.president.umd.edu/policies/docs/III-100A.pdf

In accordance, you should write by hand on every examination and computer assignment the following Honor Pledge and sign your name underneath.

I pledge on my honor that I have not given or received any unauthorized assistance on this examination (or assignment).

Collaboration of all kinds is allowed and encouraged on homework from the text. For computer assignments, you may receive assistance with using MATLAB, but otherwise no help from people outside your team. Of course, no collaboration is allowed on quizzes and examinations. No books, notes, or any other information-storing device except your brain may be used on quizzes; however, examinations will be open book, open notes.

Final Grade and Tentative Exam Schedule.  Examination dates (a.k.a. Major Scheduled Grading Events) and the recipe for your final grade are as follows.

Quizzes: 10%
Computer assignments: 10%
1st midterm examination Monday, October 7 20%
2nd midterm examination Friday, November 15 25%
Final examination Thursday, December 19 (1:30-3:30) 35%

Your 3 lowest quiz scores will be dropped, and there will be no make-up quizzes. Absence from an examination will be excused only in accordance with campus policy; see:

http://www.umd.edu/catalog/index.cfm/show/content.section/c/27/ss/1584/s/1540

The reason for absence must be unavoidable, documented, and reported to me as early as possible. Students with disabilities that may require accommodation should inform me now.