MATH 2410Q-004 - Differential Equations - Fall 2023

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Text: *A First Course in Differential Equations with Modeling Applications*, 11th ed., Dennis G. Zill

Welcome to MATH 2410Q! The goal of this course is to arm you with techniques to help you solve ordinary differential equations. If you don't know what those are, they are just equations involving a function (of a single variable), say $y = f(x)$, and its derivatives, $y', y'', \ldots$. The goal is to solve the differential equation for the unknown function y. We will cover techniques to help you solve differential equations of various forms.

Homework: Homework will be submitted weekly via WebAssign, which is accessible via HuskyCT. Assignments will be due on Wednesdays at midnight. **I will drop your lowest 3 homework grades.** These assignments are meant to be low-stakes and meant to help you prepare for the exams. That is to say, if you want to copy answers from a friend or the internet, go right ahead, but it will not benefit your grade in the way you think it will (i.e. the 80% from your exam grades will suffer, but your 20% homework grade will be fantastic). Please take these assignments as an opportunity to learn, rather than an opportunity to improve your grade.

Exams: You will have three exams (50% of your final grade, about 17% of your grade each) and a cumulative final (30%). The exams will tentatively be taken during class periods on Wednesdays 9/27, 10/25, and 11/29. The final exam details are TBD. **If you cannot make it to an exam, you must let me know immediately to receive a makeup exam. Once your exam period starts, under no circumstances may you stop taking the exam until you turn your exam in.**

Exam Grades: Since the exams are weighted heavily, I will replace your lowest midterm exam grade with your final exam grade if it is higher. If your final exam is lower than all of your midterm exam grades, nothing will happen. For example, if you score 90 on Exam 1, 45 on Exam 2, 70 on Exam 3, and 75 on the Final, I will replace the Exam 2 grade with a 75. On the other hand, if you score 90 on Exam 1, 75 on Exam 2, 70 on Exam 3, and 45 on the Final, I will not replace any midterm exam grades with your final exam grade. **I will never lower your grade by replacing a midterm exam grade with your final exam grade.**

Absences and Make-ups: If you are sick, just don't come to class. If there is an exam that day, send me an email as soon as you know that you can't make it and we will schedule a make-up for you. My make-up policy is that you can make up any exam you missed within one week of returning from your absence.

Point Distribution:

Homework	20 percent
Three Exams	50 percent
Final Exam	30 percent

The grading scale used will be 93%+ A, 90-92.99 A-, 87-89.99 B+, 83-87.99 B, etc.

Grading Appeals: It's impossible to grade everything perfectly, so grading mistakes are inevitable. If you think something was graded unfairly, please ask me about it.

Text: The textbook for the course is "A First Course in Differential Equations with Modeling Applications" by Dennis G. Zill (11th edition). The textbook comes bundled with an access code for WebAssign, which we will use to complete online homework. If you have taken a Calculus course at UConn previously (1131Q, 1132Q, and/or 2110Q), then you likely already have access and don't need to do anything. If not, you can buy the bundle for $120 at the bookstore. You can also get Cengage Unlimited for $120 if you have other Cengage courses and/or don't want a physical book.

Outside Resouces: The UConn Q Center is an excellent resource (free of charge!) if you need help with math concepts in homework assignments: http://qcenter.uconn.edu. However, it is not guaranteed that a tutor will be able to assist you with MATH 2410Q homework, you should ask before you go if there are any tutors who can help you. Another option is to form study groups with your classmates or others who are currently taking MATH 2410Q.

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Note: The instructor reserves the right to make adjustments to this course.