

MATH 308—Differential Equations
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Textbooks: (i) *Fundamentals of Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems*, by Nagle, Saff, and Snider, Texas A&M Edition, published by Addison Wesley, and (ii) *Solving Differential Equations with Maple V*, by Barrow et al, published by Brooks/Cole, 1998

Course description: Ordinary differential equations, solutions in series, solutions using Laplace transforms, systems of differential equations. Prerequisites: MATH 251 or equivalent.

Grading: Grades will be based on two in-class exams (worth 25% each), a cumulative final exam (30%), and weekly assignments (20%), and will be determined in the standard way: A: 90–100, B: 80–89, C: 70–79, D: 60–69, F: 0–59. The final exam will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday December 5. The in-class exams will be held on Wednesday October 1 and Wednesday November 5.

Make-up policy: In accordance with university regulations, make-ups for missed exams and assignments will only be allowed for a university-approved excuse in writing. Whenever possible, students should inform the instructor before an exam or assignment is missed. Students are required to notify the instructor by the end of the next working day after missing an exam or assignment. Otherwise, they forfeit their rights to a make-up.

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