

MATH 213.02
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Multivariable Calculus
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Introduction

Welcome to Multivariable Calculus! In this course you will learn to extend the topics from the first two semesters of calculus to functions of multiple variables. The text for this course is *Multivariable Calculus*, 8th ed., by McCallum, *et al.*

If you have any questions, contact me during my office hours or make an appointment. You should also utilize the tutors at the Math and Science Skills Center (MSSC) in Tomsich 101, which is open TRU 7–10 pm, starting 9/7 (note this is after the first homework is due). You can contact anyone there for help, but Anna Tils and Julia Bundy are specifically assigned to MATH 213.

Technology

I use Moodle to post handouts and answer keys, and to collect feedback and homework. Important announcements (corrections to typographical errors, etc.) will be handled by e-mail. We will be using the computer algebra system Maple for visualizations and computations; instructions on how to install it are posted on Moodle.

Assessment

Your grade for the course will be determined in two stages. First your *raw score* will be calculated as follows:

	Points	Raw Score: Better of Two Alternatives	
Quizzes	scaled to 100	90%	80%
In-Class Exams	3 @ 100		
Final	200		
Projects	2 @ 25	10%	20%
Homework			

Therefore, performing well on the homework will not only help you learn the material, it can also directly help your grade. (The vast majority of students improve their grades by using their homework scores.) Then each of the raw scores will be scaled to determine final grades.

Homework

In most cases, homework will be distributed on Fridays, and will be due by the beginning of class the following Friday. The homework will ideally cover material up through the Monday after it is distributed. **ABSOLUTELY NO LATE HOMEWORK WILL BE ACCEPTED!** If you must miss a due date for College business, it is your responsibility to make sure the homework is submitted *before* the due date. However, to calculate your semester-long homework average, I will drop your two lowest homework scores.

Homework assignments must be **handwritten**, scanned as PDF files, and then submitted in Moodle.

Each homework assignment will consist of ten questions. Of those, some randomly selected problems will *not* be graded. For these questions, you will receive one point if you attempted the problem. On each graded problem you may receive up to four points, depending on the completeness and accuracy of your solution.

Quizzes and tests will largely be based on the material covered in the homework assignments. However, you are encouraged to try other problems in the book for practice.

Quizzes

Quizzes will be administered on certain Wednesdays, and in general will cover the material on the previous homework. They will take fifteen minutes each, and you will need to bring your own paper. **ABSOLUTELY NO MAKEUP QUIZZES WILL BE ADMINISTERED!** However, to calculate your semester-long quiz average, I will drop your two lowest quiz scores.

Exams

Exam dates are listed on the attached schedule. **NO MAKEUP EXAMS WILL BE GIVEN!** When the exams are returned, they will have a numerical score and a letter grade on them. The numerical score is your score for the exam; *the letter grade is your grade for the course* to that point, including all homework scores.

Projects

There will be two projects during the semester. Further details will follow.

Submission Guidelines

Paper submissions should be folded like a book with the following information on the “front cover:”

Name
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Assignment Type/Number
Date

You will turn in your assignments this way so that I can put your grade on the inside, thus ensuring your privacy.

Artificial Intelligence

We will be using AI regularly during the semester. Some assignments will require the use of AI. Most Maple questions may be at least started with AI. (See “Academic Honesty” below.) Overreliance on AI for by-hand calculations is discouraged, as you will have no access to technology for quizzes and exams.

Academic Honesty

Though you may not copy directly from another’s paper or use someone else’s ideas as your own, I encourage you to discuss the homework problems with your classmates. However, any written solutions should be yours alone. If you include ideas from an outside source, you should cite it. For the purposes of this topic, “classmate” includes online aids and AI. The College also has [expectations regarding academic integrity](#) with which you should become familiar.

Attendance

Attendance is important so you get the full benefit of instruction. If you have to miss class one day, just get the notes from someone. However, do not let absences accumulate: any student who misses 20% of the meetings of a math course *for any reason* [will be expelled from the course](#). If you miss 15% of the meetings, I will send you a warning so we can discuss next steps.

Accessibility Accommodations

If you need an accessibility accommodation, contact [Student Accessibility and Support Services \(SASS\)](#) for approval. Also let me know so that we can implement any approved accommodations in a timely manner.

Tentative Schedule

Note: This is only a tentative schedule; there may be deviations from it. If there are conflicts between this schedule and Moodle, let me know right away so I can harmonize things.

Week	Sections	Quiz (W)	HW (F)	Other
August 29	12.1			
September 1	12.1–3, 12.6	✓	✓	
September 8	12.6, 13.1–3	✓	✓	
September 15	13.3, 13.4	✓	✓	
September 22	13.4, 17.1, 14.1–14.3			
September 29	14.3, 14.4		✓	9/29: Exam I (covers up through §13.4)
October 6	14.4, 14.6	✓		10/10: Fall Break
October 13	14.6, 14.7, 15.1		✓	10/13: Project 1 Due
October 20	15.1–15.3, 16.1, 16.2	✓	✓	
October 27	16.2, 16.4			10/31: Exam II (covers §17.1–§15.3)
November 3	16.3–16.5		✓	11/3: Project 2 Topic Due
November 10	16.5, 17.2	✓	✓	
November 17	17.2–17.4, 18.1, 18.2	✓	✓	
November 24	Thanksgiving Break			
December 1	18.1, 18.2			12/1: Project 2 Due 12/5: Exam III (covers §16.1–§17.4)
December 8	18.1–18.3		✓	12/12: Formal Review Session
December 17	Final Exam, 6:30–9:30			

Course Description

This course examines differentiation and integration in three dimensions. Topics of study include functions of more than one variable, vectors and vector algebra, partial derivatives, optimization, and multiple integrals. Some of the following topics from vector calculus also are covered as time permits: vector fields, line integrals, flux integrals, curl and divergence. This counts toward the core course requirement for the major. Prerequisite: MATH 112 or a score of 5 on the AB calculus AP exam, or an AB sub-score of 5 on the BC calculus AP exam. Offered every semester.

Course Goals

(Letters pertain to the [Departmental Goals Document](#).)

- Understand analytical and computational solution methods for problems in multivariable calculus (B, C, D).
- Understand model derivation and the physical interpretation of mathematical results (B, C, E, G).
- Communicate results in oral and written form, both individually and part of a group (A, F).
- Use external human- and AI-generated resources to assist understanding and computation (B, C, D, E, G).