

**MATH 370**  
Ordinary Differential Equations  
**Fall 2024**

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- Class Schedule:** Tuesdays & Thursdays, 13:15-14:30.  
Mid-term break: no class between October 15, 2024, and October 20, 2024.
- Office Hours:** TBA.
- Prerequisites:** MATH 251, MATH 265, or equivalent.
- Textbook:** *Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems*, 12th Edition, by William E. Boyce and Richard C. DiPrima (Wiley).  
You can use an older edition as well. The homework problems will be posted on Moodle. The 11th Edition is almost identical to the 12th, at least the chapters we will use.  
The print version of the textbook will be available at:  
<https://www.bkstr.com/concordiastore/home>  
**Note:** Students should order textbooks as early as possible, especially for print versions in case books are back ordered or there are any shipping delays.
- Assignments:** **Assignments will be posted on Moodle weekly. The solutions should be submitted electronically on Moodle by the due date.** Assignments are *very important*; they indicate the level of difficulty of the problems that the students are expected to understand and solve. Therefore, every effort should be made to do and understand them *independently*. The assignments will be corrected and a representative sample graded (some problems may not be graded), with solution sets posted weekly. These grades together are worth a maximum of 20%.
- Web Resources:** Many excellent animated illustrations of the text are collected at the site [www.wiley.com/college/boyce](http://www.wiley.com/college/boyce). Regular use of this resource is recommended.
- Use of Computer Algebra System:** It is optional but much recommended to install and use Maple or Mathematica. These computer tools can be used to verify and illustrate any analytical results you get while doing your assignment problems.

**Calculators:** Only calculators approved by the Department (with a sticker attached as proof of approval) are permitted for the class test and final examination. For a list of Approved calculators see <http://www.concordia.ca/artsci/math-stats/services.html#calculators>.

**Test:** A midterm test covering the first six weeks will be given in week 7 (or later). A more precise list of the material covered on the test will be announced later.

**NOTE:** It is the Department's policy that tests missed for any reason, **including illness**, cannot be made up. If you missed the midterm because of illness (to be confirmed by a **valid medical note**) the final exam can count for 80% of your final grade, and 20% will be contributed by the assignments.

**Final Exam:** The final examination will be three hours long and will cover all the material in the course. The final exam is scheduled by the Examination Office.

**Final Grade:** The highest of the following:

- 80% final exam and 20% assignments.
- 25% midterm, 20% assignments, and 55% final exam.

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

### Approximate schedule of topics

Week	Sections	Topics
1	1.1 - 1.3	Solutions of some differential equations. Classification of differential equations.
2	2.1 - 2.3	Linear equations; integrating factors. Separable equations; Modeling with first order equations.
3	2.4 - 2.6	Linear and Nonlinear equations. Autonomous equations; population dynamics. Exact solutions; integration factors.
4	2.7 - 2.9	Numerical approximations. Existence theorems. First order difference equations.
5	3.1. - 3.3	Homogeneous equations, constant coefficients. Linear homogeneous equation solutions: Wronskian. Complex roots of characteristic equation.
6	3.4 - 3.6	Repeated roots; reduction of order. Nonhomogeneous equations; undetermined coefficients. Variation of parameters.

7	3.7 – 3.8	Mechanical and electrical vibrations. Forced vibrations.
8	Chaps. 1 – 3 <b>Midterm</b>	<b>Midterm test, closed book.</b> <b>Scope:</b> Chapters 1–3 inclusive.
9	4.1 – 4.2	General theory of nth order linear equations. Homogeneous equations with constant coefficients.
10	4.3 – 4.4	Method of undetermined coefficients. Variation of parameters.
11	5.1 – 5.3	Review of power series, Series solutions at an ordinary point.
12	7.4 – 7.8	Systems of First Order Linear Equations.

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