

MATH 361
Operations Research
Winter 2025

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Note: The system does not allow one to reply to emails received from Moodle. If you write, please do so from your own email account.
- Lectures:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 14:45–16:00.
Note: There will be a mid-term break from February 24 to March 2.
- Office Hours:** Thursdays, 16:10-17:40.
- Text:** *Operations Research: Applications and Algorithms*, 4th Edition, by W.L. Winston.
The textbook will be put on reserve in the library, or is available online.
- Topics to be Covered:** **Chapter 3.** Introduction to Linear Programming (3.1-3.4).
Chapter 4. The Simplex algorithm for Goal Programming (4.1-4.8, 4.11-4.14).
Chapter 6. Sensitivity analysis and duality (6.1-6.3, 6.5-6.8).
Chapter 7. Transportation problems (7.1-7.3).
Chapter 14. Game Theory (14.1-14.3).
Chapter 11. Nonlinear Programming (11.2-11.4, 11.6, 11.8, 11.9).
- 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 and Not-approved calculators see
<https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/math-stats/services.html#calculators>.
- Assignments:** Students are expected to submit assignments. **Late assignments will not be accepted. No exceptions for any reason.** Some questions (but not all) will be marked. Assignments, due dates, and solutions will be posted on the course's Moodle website. Assignments are to be submitted as a **single** PDF to Moodle.
- 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 will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.
- Midterm Test:** There will be one midterm test in week 7 or 8.
PLEASE NOTE: It is the Department's policy that tests missed for any reason, including illness, cannot be made up. If you miss a test, the Final Exam will count for 90% of your final grade.

Final Examination: At the end of the course, there will be a 3-hour final examination.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examination Office. Any conflicts or problems with the scheduling of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examination Office, **not** to your instructor. It is the Department's policy and the Examination Office's policy **that students are to be available until the end of the final exam period. Conflicts due to travel plans will not be accommodated.**

Final Grade: The final grade will be the higher of (a) or (b):
(a) 10% for the assignments, 30% for the midterm test, 60% for the final.
(b) 10% for the assignments and 90% for the final examination.

Student Services

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