

MAST 232
Mathematics with Computer Algebra
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- Office Hours:** Thursdays, 14:45-16:15.
- Prerequisite:** CEGEP Mathematics 105 or 201-NYC, 203 or 201-NYB or equivalent.
- Exclusions:** This course is an introduction to computer algebra using *Mathematica*. It may not be taken for credit simultaneously with, or after having completed, a course of a similar nature.
- Class Structure:** The class consists of a lecture portion and an instructor-supervised problem-solving session. Lecture notes will be posted an hour prior the class start; while the classwork will be made available half an hour after class start.
- Class work:** To receive credit for the problem-solving session, you **must show your work** to the instructor before leaving class.
- Assignments:** There will be 4 or 5 assignments during the semester. These are to be submitted via Moodle by the date and time indicated. You may discuss the problems with your classmates and ask the instructor of help. However, you must write your solutions independently (without someone else's work in front of you). You may not actively solicit help on internet forums (aside from the 'Student discussion forum' on Moodle), though you are permitted to search the internet for help on the topic.
- Midterm test:** There will be one midterm test. There is no option for a 'make-up' test. Midterm will be administered around week 7 and will take place during scheduled class time.
- Evaluation:** You will be evaluated according to the following scheme. There is no '100% final' option in this course and no supplemental examination. In the evaluation

of any submitted work, we will consider the measure in which the proposed solution takes advantage of the affordances of *Mathematica*.

Class work 5%
Assignments 30%
Midterm test 30%
Final exam 35%

All assignments are mandatory. Late assignments are not accepted.

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.

Mathematica: All course work will be carried out using the computer algebra system *Mathematica*. Concordia University also has a site license for *Mathematica*, which allows you to **download the software and use it on your own computer**. Instructions for doing so are given in MyConcordia under “Software and Applications > Mathematica’.

Moodle: All course materials will be posted to the course Moodle website. Students are expected to check this website on a regular basis.

Topics: Graphing in two and three dimensions, lists, functions, number systems, algebraic and transcendental equations, differentiation and applications, integration and applications, programming, probability and statistics, linear algebra and applications. Additional topics may be included as time permits.

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