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MAST 232
Mathematics with Computer Algebra
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Class Schedule: Tuesdays, 17:45–20:15.
Reading week: no classes, nor office hours from March 2 to March 8.

Office Hours: Will be announced on Moodle.

Prerequisite: MATH 204, MATH 205, or equivalent.

Class Structure: The class consists of a lecture portion and an instructor-supervised problem-solving session. Lecture notes will be posted at the beginning of each week; while the classwork will be made available during class time.

Classwork: To receive credit for the problem-solving session, you must submit your work via Moodle, before the end of the class. Despite the worksheets being posted on Moodle, the class work needs to be done in class, during class time. No credit will be given for work realized outside of class. The lowest grade for classwork will be dropped. Classwork is marked based on completion.

Assignments: There will be regular assignments during the semester (approximately 7 in total). These are to be submitted via Moodle by the date and time indicated. Late assignments are not accepted. You are encouraged to discuss problems with your classmates and ask the instructor for 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, though you are permitted to search the internet for help on related topics. You are not allowed to copy and paste material from the internet for the work you submit. The use of generative AI, such as ChatGPT, is not permitted for any type of assignment.

Midterm Test: There will be one midterm test. There is no option for a `make-up' test. The midterm will be administered on **Tuesday, February 24**, during the lecture. If you cannot write the midterm test, for a valid reason, then the weight of the midterm will be moved to the final exam.

Final Exam: It will be scheduled by the Exams Office.

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.**

Evaluation: You will be evaluated according to the following scheme:

Classwork 10 %
Assignments 20%
Midterm test 30%
Final exam 40%

Note that there is no `100% final' option in this course and no supplemental examination.

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.

SageMath: All coursework will be carried out using *SageMath*, using *JupyterLab* as an IDE. Both *SageMath* and *JupyterLab* are free, open source, software systems. If you would like to install these programs on your personal computer, you can visit https://www.sagemath.org/ and https://jupyter.org/, or ask your instructor for help.

Moodle: All course materials will be posted to the course Moodle page. 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.

Student Services
You may wish to access the many services available to you as a Concordia student. An overview of these resources can be found here: https://www.concordia.ca/students/services.html

ChatGPT and similar generative AI products
The use of generative artificial intelligence tools or apps for assignments in this course, including tools like ChatGPT and other AI writing or coding assistants, is prohibited**.** You are encouraged to discuss assigned problems with classmates, but the submitted work must be your own.

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