

MATH 473 (MAST 666/MAST 841), Sec. A
Partial Differential Equations
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Class Schedule: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:45-13:00.
Note: There will be a mid-term break from March 2 to March 8.

Office Hours: Tuesdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Prerequisites: **MATH 264 & 265** or an equivalent multivariable calculus course.
MATH 370 or an equivalent course in ordinary differential equations.

Required Textbook: *Partial Differential Equations: A First Course*, by Rustum Choksi, AMS 2022. AMSTEXT/54, ISBN-13: 978-1-4704-6491-2; eBook ISBN: 978-1-4704-6867-5. An errata to this book is [here](#). The textbook is available at the bookstore. The textbook will be available at:
<https://www.bkstr.com/concordiastore/home>

Note: Students should order textbooks as early as possible, especially for printed versions in case books are backordered or there are any shipping delays.

Graduate Level: The textbook above and *Partial Differential Equations*, Lawrence C. Evans, 2010, Graduate Studies in Mathematics, Vol. 19, AMS; ISBN-13: 978-1-4704-6942-9; eBook ISBN: 978-1-4704-1144-2.

Topics: The following topics outline the content of the lectures: first-order PDE and the method of characteristics; the wave equation; the diffusion equation; Laplace's equation and harmonic functions; distributions; fundamental solutions and Green's functions; Fourier series; boundary value problems.

Graduate students will complement this content by guided independent study on more technical aspects of these topics, or other topics at the instructor's recommendation depending on individual mathematical interests, current background, and areas of study.

Evaluations: **Final Grade will be based on** Homework 20%, Midterm Evaluation 30%, Final Evaluation 50%. **Undergraduate and graduate evaluations will differ in content.**

Homework will be assigned approximately every two weeks, during class, and posted on Moodle. In case of a student's absence or late arrival, it is the student's responsibility to seek the assignment online and submit it on time. **No late assignments will be 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.

The midterm exam is scheduled for Thursday, February 26, in class. Please be aware that a missed test cannot be made up.

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 counts for 80% of your final grade, while the remaining 20% will be contributed by the assignments.

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.**

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