

Differential Equations I

Math 555 – Fall 2013

Course Syllabus

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Textbook: *Elementary Differential Equations, 10th edition*, by William Boyce and Richard DiPrima.

Other Materials: Students are not allowed to use a calculator on exams, but may use one when doing any other work for this course. The problems on exams will be structured so that a calculator is not necessary.

Attendance: Attendance is required and expected. Students who miss class for any reason are responsible for the material covered that day, and any work that is due. Late work will not be accepted after it has been handed back to the rest of the class.

In case you must miss an exam, you will be allowed to make it up before it is returned to the other students in class (assume that this will be the very next class). You *must* contact me as soon as possible (email is best) to notify me of your intent to take the exam. It will then be available for you to take in the Testing Center in Grace Wilkie Hall. The Testing Center charges a fee of \$10.

Recommended Exercises: For each section that we cover in class, I will post 10-15 recommended problems from the book. The only way to learn mathematics is to do it, so it will be very important to complete these. All of these problems are for your own benefit, and will never be collected. Some of these problems will be similar to examples presented in class; others will be brand new. You can expect exam questions to be similar to these recommended exercises.

Tests: There will be four midterm exams accounting for 70% of your final grade, and a cumulative final exam worth 30%. You will be allowed to use a 3×5 note card on each exam. The questions will be similar to the recommended exercises. We'll discuss this more before the exams.

Grading: Your grade will be determined as follows:

In-Class Exams (3)	20 % each
Take-Home Exam (1)	10 %
Final Exam	30 %

Your final letter grade will be based on the following scale:

90 – 100%	A	76 – 78%	C+
88 – 90%	A–	68 – 76%	C
86 – 88%	B+	60 – 68%	D
80 – 86%	B	< 60%	F
78 – 80%	B–		

There will be no extra credit, and I will not grade on a curve.

Course Outline: The course will cover the following portions of the book.

Chapter	Sections	Exam Date	
1	All		
2	2.1; 2.4; 2.6 - 2.8	13 Sep (F)	
3	All		
4	Selections	11 Oct (F)	
5	5.1 - 5.4; 5.7	1 Nov (F)	(take-home)
6	All	22 Nov (F)	

Each exam will cover the sections that I deem appropriate; not necessarily the ones listed next to the dates in the table.

Academic Honesty: Cheating will not be tolerated. Read the Student Handbook for Wichita State University’s official cheating policy.

Special Needs: If you have any disability that may impact your ability to carry out any assigned course work in the time allotted, contact the Office of Disability Services (DS), Grace Wilkie Annex, room 173, 978–3309.

Assistance: I strongly believe that it is beneficial for students to work together on recommended exercises, and in preparation for exams. However, it is only beneficial to those students who put in the effort to learn and understand the material; *i.e.*, copying homework will not help you do well on the exams.

Credit Hours: This is a **3 credit hour class**. Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will spend a **minimum of 135 hours** over the length of the course for instruction, preparation, studying, and/or course-related activities. This amounts to a *minimum* of approximately six (6) hours per week outside of class.