

MATH 421 - Advanced Calculus for Engineering
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[Course website](#)

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Textbook: Dennis G. Zill and Warren S. Wright ; *Advanced Engineering Mathematics* (Fifth edition). See also the [lecture notes](#).

Course topics: Math 421 is oriented toward students in Chemical and Biochemical Engineering (curriculum 155) and Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (curriculum 650). It develops mathematical tools used in upper-level engineering courses in these areas. The course has four major topics:

Linear algebra (approx 6 lectures):

Math 421 students are assumed to have some background in linear algebra in two and three dimensions. This part of the course is a fast-paced treatment of matrices and vectors of any size. The aim is to insure that important facts and algorithms are clearly stated and can be used by students in later courses.

Laplace transforms (approx 6 lectures):

The definition, main properties, and applications to the solution of ODE's

Fourier series and orthogonal expansions (approx 5 lectures):

Orthogonal expansions in one variable; Fourier series; Fourier sine and cosine series; Sturm-Liouville problems; Orthogonal expansions and Fourier series in two variables

Classical PDE of mathematical physics (approx 9 lectures):

Solution of boundary value problems for the heat equation, wave equation, and Laplace's equation by separation of variables and orthogonal expansions

Technology: Many of the computations needed to apply the techniques of this course are quite elaborate. Therefore such software packages as Matlab, Maple, and Mathematica include many special functions designed to handle these techniques. While I strongly encourage you to use these programs whenever appropriate in your engineering and science courses, the exams and the homework in this course should be done by hand. You should have enough facility with "hand computation" to carry out basic Laplace transform, matrix, Fourier series, and differential equation calculations without computer assistance. The exams will be designed to avoid elaborate and tedious

computation as much as possible.

Course Outline:

We will tentatively follow the schedule as outlined here: [M421 - Schedule](#)

Grade Breakdown:

Homework: 20 %; Midterm 1: 20 %; Midterm 2: 20 %; Final: 40 %

There may be a quiz component to the course (to be decided based on TA availability). In this case Homework will be 10 % and Quiz 10 %.

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Important Dates:

First midterm Oct 14, 2016
Second midterm Nov 18, 2016
Final Exam Tuesday December 20, 8am - 11am
You can also check the final exam schedule [here](#)

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<http://codu.co/cee05e>

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Acknowledgement: This syllabus is adapted from professor Sontag's 2011 [website](#).