



DAVIS UNIVERSITY

COURSE SYLLABUS

MTH107: INTRODUCTION TO PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS

SUMMER QUARTER 2026

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CREDIT HOURS: 5 CREDITS

INSTRUCTOR:

INSTRUCTOR EMAIL:

INSTRUCTOR OFFICE HOURS:

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Introduction to Fourier series and method of separation of variables; d'Alembert's formula. Maximum principles, energy integrals and uniqueness; the wave equation, heat equation and Laplace's equation; Sturm-Liouville problems and eigenfunction expansions.

TEXT: *A First Course in Partial Differential Equations*, J. Robert Buchanan and Zhoude Shao, World Scientific Publishing Company, Hackensack, ISBN-13: 978-9813226432.

LATE WORK POLICY: All students are expected to submit homework assignments electronically on the date specified on the syllabus. No late homework will be accepted and the student will receive a "0" (zero) for the homework assignment. Should the student refuse to complete the assigned work for the class, it could result in the student failing the class. All work assigned is expected to be completed on the date assigned. The instructor reserves the right to alter the schedule as necessary. Please be sure to check your email/Moodle for any changes to the schedule.

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ASSESSMENTS:

Content

Midterm exam	30%
Homework	10%
Quizzes	30%
Final exam	30%
Total	100%

COURSE GRADE:

A+ = 97%–100%	C+ = 77%–79%
A = 93%–96%	C = 73%–76%
A– = 90%–92%	C– = 70%–72%
B+ = 87%–89%	D+ = 67%–69%
B = 83%–86%	D = 63%–66%
B– = 80%–82%	D– = 60%–62%
	F = Below 60%

TENTATIVE CLASS SCHEDULE:

(Subject to change)

Week:	Content Covered	Assignments & Assessment Due
Week 1:	Introduction 2.1 First-Order Linear Equations 2.2 First-Order Quasilinear Equations 3.1 Periodic Functions 3.2 The Trigonometric System and Orthogonality 3.3 Euler-Fourier Formulas and Fourier Series 3.4 Even and Odd Functions 3.5 Even or Odd Extension of Functions 3.6 Convergence Theorem	
Week 2:	3.7 The Gibbs Phenomenon and Uniform Convergence 3.8 Differentiation and Integration of Fourier Series 3.9 Mean Square Approximation and Parseval's Identity. 3.10 Complex Form of the Fourier Series 3.11 Proofs of Two Theoretical Results 4.1 Homogeneous Boundary Value Problems on Bounded Intervals 4.2 Nonhomogeneous Boundary Value Problems 4.3 A Maximum Principle and Uniqueness of Solutions	
Week 3:	4.4 The Heat Equation on Unbounded Intervals 4.5 The Heat Equation on a Rectangular Domain 5.1 Wave Equation with Homogeneous Boundary Conditions 5.2 d'Alembert's Approach 5.3 Solving the Wave Equation - Revisited 5.4 Nonhomogeneous Cases 5.5 The Energy Integral and Uniqueness of Solutions	Midterm Exam-Friday

<p>Week 4:</p>	<p>6.1 Boundary Value Problems of Laplace's Equation 6.2 Dirichlet Problems on Rectangles 6.3 Dirichlet Problems on Disks 6.4 Dirichlet Problems on Domains Related to Disks 6.5 Neumann Problems on Rectangles 6.6 Neumann Problems on Disks 6.7 Mixed Boundary Conditions on Rectangles 6.8 Poisson's Formula and Mean Value Property. 6.9 Maximum Principle and Uniqueness</p>	
<p>Week 5:</p>	<p>7.1 Two-Point Boundary Value Problems of Second-Order Differential Equations 7.2 Properties of Eigenvalues and Eigenfunctions 7.3 Zeros of Eigenfunctions 7.4 Generalized Fourier Series 7.5 Estimating Eigenvalues and the Rayleigh Quotient 7.6 Existence of Eigenfunctions and Eigenvalues</p>	<p>Final Exam-Friday</p>