

THE UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Department of Mathematics

**MA/CS 321 Introduction to Numerical Methods**

Sections 1, Spring 2019

MWF 11:00 - 11:50am, CB 345

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**Office Hours:** MWF 2:00-3:00 pm

**Class Home Page:** <http://www.ms.uky.edu/~qye/MA321/ma321.html>

**Text:** W. Cheney & D. Kincaid, Numerical Mathematics and Computing (7th Edition)

**Prerequisites:** MA 213 and CS 221 or equivalent. Knowledge of a procedural programming language (C/C++, Java, python, or MATLAB) is required.

**Outline:**

- Chapter 1. Mathematical preliminaries.
- Chapter 3. Nonlinear equation.
- Chapter 4. Interpolation and Numerical differentiation.
- Chapter 5. Numerical integration.
- Chapter 2. Linear systems.
- Chapter 8. More on Linear systems (Sec. 8.1).
- Chapter 6. Spline functions.

**Homework and Exams:** Homework will be assigned weekly with the exception of the exam weeks. Homework will be a combination of written homework, online homework (WeBWorK), and programming projects. Webwork assignments will be due each Thur. For programming assignments, you may use any of C/C++, Java, python, and MATLAB.

There will be two midterm exams scheduled to be in class on Feb. 13 and March 22. There will also be a comprehensive final exam to be scheduled.

If you miss an exam, you will automatically be given zero point unless legitimate reasons are provided with full documentations, in which case a make-up exam will be arranged.

**Grading:** The course grade will be based on attendance, homeworks, projects, and exams with the weights given as follows:

Attendance: 3%,  
Homework and Projects: 50%,  
Mid-term Exams (2): 22%,  
Final: 25%.

The following is a scale for grading.

Grade	Minimum %
A	90
B	80
C	70
D	60

For the exams, you are allowed to bring in one page of prepared note. You may use a graphing calculator on exams but may not use any electronic device with the ability to do symbolic computations such as the TI-89, TI-92, HP48 or a laptop computer. Cell phones must be turned off and put away out of sight during an examination.

**Other Information:** Please see the class webpage

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for some related university's academic policies and additional information.