

## 640:423:01 Elementary Partial Differential Equations

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Textbook: J. D. Logan, Applied Partial Differential Equations, Third Ed. Springer 2015 ISBN: 978-3-319-30769-5 or 978-3-319-12493-3

**Prerequisite:** Multivariable calculus, ODE

**Course description** This is a first introduction to the theory of PDE. We will mostly focus on the three types of linear second order equations (wave, heat and Laplace equations) and study the solutions and their behavior under various initial or boundary conditions.

### Class Schedule (Tentative)

Week	Topic	Sections in textbook
1	PDE models, review of ODE, advection and diffusion	1.1, 1.2 (p. 12-14), 1.3
2	Method of characteristics	1.2
3	Diffusion and probability, one-dimensional wave equation	1.4, 1.5
4	Poisson's equation, types of PDE	1.7, 1.8, 1.9
5	Cauchy Problem	2.1, 2.2
6	Well-Posed Problem, <b>Midterm 1</b>	2.3
7	Semi-infinite Domains, sources	2.4, 2.5
8	Fourier and Laplace Transform	2.6, 2.7
9	Orthogonal Expansions	3.1, 3.2
10	Fourier series, <b>Midterm 2</b>	3.3
11	Separation of Variables, SLP	4.1, 4.2
12 (Thanksgiving week)	SLP	4.3
13	Heat and Laplace equations on disk and sphere	4.4, 4.5, 4.6
14	Heat and Laplace equations on disk and sphere	4.4, 4.5, 4.6
15 (Final week)	Review	

**Attendance:** Attendance is expected for this course. Please inform me ahead of time, preferably by emails, if you are going to be late or absent in class for a legitimate reason, and also self-report online per university policy. Please turn off your cellphone or keep it in silent mode during the lectures.

**Homework and quizzes:** Problem-solving is an important part in the study of mathematics, so please finish and hand in homework in time, and make sure that you fully understand the solution of each problem! The homework for each week will be posted online each Thursday, collected on the next Thursday and returned in one week. Sketch of solutions will be posted online after the homework for each week is collected. Only selected problems will be graded. The lowest 2 homework grades will be dropped.

There will be 5 quizzes throughout the semester and the lowest 1 quiz grade will be dropped. The date of the quizzes will not be announced in advance. The quizzes and the exams will be based on homework problems.

**Exam dates:** Midterms will be on Thursdays. The final exam is on Dec. 19, 8-11 pm.

**Grading:** 10% Homework, 10% Quizzes, 20% Midterm 1, 20% Midterm 2, 40% Final.

**Other policies:** There will be no make-ups for quizzes and midterms and no late homework allowed. However, if there is a legitimate, documented reason that you miss a homework, quiz or midterm please contact me as soon as possible so I can adjust your grade components accordingly. Make-up for the final exam for is allowed.

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