

Math 246 Syllabus

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Class Spacetime Coordinates: MUWH 16-16:50, 307 Deady

Office Hours: TBA

Textbook: Neuhauser, *Calculus for Biology and Medicine*, 2nd ed.

Other Resources: Blackboard, WeBWorK

Grading: Grades will be broken down as 25% homework, 20% each for two midterms and 35% for the final exam. The final will be cumulative, and you will not receive a score in the class lower than your score on the final exam.

Homework: This term we will be using a program called WeBWorK for most homework assignments. The program is similar to WebAssign, which you may have used for other courses. However, I believe it is a superior alternative, offering a number of benefits, not the least of which is that it's free to you. You can get to WeBWorK by going directly to <http://webwork.uoregon.edu/webwork2/Math246-13690/> or by logging into blackboard and using the link there. Your user name and initial password will be your Duck ID number. Please change your password the first time you log in.

Weekly assignments will usually be available online Monday mornings and due at 11:59 PM the following Monday. The first assignment will be less complicated than those that follow, and you should use it as an opportunity to get comfortable with WeBWorK. If you have any difficulties with the problems on this assignment or with using WeBWorK, you should contact me immediately via e-mail. Late work will not be accepted on the grounds of difficulty with the software.

There will also be a small number of written assignments, which will be assigned in class as the course progresses and due approximately one week after the assignment is given.

Exams: There will be two midterm exams covering chapters 2 and 3 and most of chapter 4 respectively. Tentatively, these will occur during the usual class hour on Thursday, October 15th and Thursday, November 12th, though these dates are subject to change as the course progresses. Though the second exam will not explicitly contain material from the first, it necessarily makes use of many of those techniques and ideas.

There will be a cumulative two hour final exam at 3:15 PM on Wednesday, December 9th. This date and time are fixed and I cannot give the exam earlier or later than listed. Please ensure that your travel plans take the exam into account.