

# MATH 3800 A

## Mathematical Modeling and Computational Methods

### Summer 2020

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**Lectures:** Not formally scheduled – the classes were originally to be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings and so these days will be used for tests and assignment due dates. Lecture materials for the course will be uploaded to the CULearn page on a regular basis.

**Labs:** Tuesdays 20:30 - 21:30 (the Labs will start the week of May 11th) – during these periods, the TA will present material from the Lab Manual and answer questions.

**References:**

(i) *A First Course in Mathematical Modeling (5th Ed)* by Giordano, Fox and Horton

(ii) *Applied Numerical Methods (with Matlab) for Engineers and Scientists (4th Ed)* by Chapra

**Prerequisites:** i) MATH 1107 or MATH 1104; ii) MATH 1005 or MATH 2007; and iii) knowledge of a computer language.

**Course Contents:** In this course, we will study Mathematical Modeling. What exactly that means will be one of the topics we discuss. We will look at discrete, continuous and random processes, difference equations and differential equations. We will also study the numerical methods that come up along the way.

**Note:** There is a two-week Study Break at the end of June, from June 17th to July 1st. There will be no course work during that time.

**Evaluation:** Your course grade will be determined by the following formula:

- The final exam will count 50% and will be held during the Exam Period (August 17th - 30th).
- There will be two 60-minute midterm tests worth 15% each. The tests will be held on CULearn in the evenings of Monday, June 1st and Monday, July 27th. If you miss a test, its weight will transfer to the final exam.
- There will be 4 assignments worth a total of 20%. Assignments will be posted on CULearn at least one week before they are due (and they will be submitted through CULearn). The assignments will be due by 10pm on the evenings (Wednesdays) of May 27th, June 10th, July 22nd and August 12th.

## **Academic Accommodations:**

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