

## **Ordinary Differential Equations**

**MATH 465**

**Spring 2016 1:00 - 1:50**

**KAP 165**

Text: Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos, 2nd ed by  
Steven Strogatz

The topics covered in the course will include:

1. Nonlinear models arising in Biology, Mechanics and other Earth Sciences
2. Steady states, bifurcation and oscillations
3. Discrete dynamics; mappings and difference equations
4. Multi-dimensional flows and linear systems
5. Local and global stability
6. Phase portraits, stability and limit cycles
7. Dissipative systems, reversible systems
8. Poincare maps, Hopf bifurcations and higher bifurcations
9. One dimensional maps and Lyapunov exponents
10. Chaotic oscillations, strange attractors and fractals
11. Periodic mapping systems

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**Course credit:** 4 units

### **GRADING POLICY**

2 Midterm exams – 40% of grade

Homework – 35%

Final – 25%

	<b>Class</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
<b>Week</b>		<b>Sections covered</b>
1		2.1 – 2.4
2		2.6, 2.7, 3.0 – 3.2
3		3.3 – 3.5, 5.0, 5.1
4		5.2, 5.3, 6.0 – 6.2
5		6.3 – 6.6
6		6.7, 6.8
7		7.0 – 7.2
8		7.3 – 7.6
9		8.0 – 8.3
10		8.4 – 8.7
11		9.0 – 9.3
12		9.4 – 9.6, 10.0, 10.1
13		10.2 – 10.6
14		11.0 – 11.2
15		11.3 – 11.5
16		(Last day) Review