SYLLABUS FOR MATH 242 – CALCULUS II

Course Description: Integration techniques and applications, series and approximations, differential equations.

Prerequisite for Math 242: A grade of C or better in Math 241 or Math 251A, or a grade of B or better in Math 215, or consent.


Format: This four credit class meets for 150 minutes of lecture and 50 minute of recitation/lab per week.

Final Exam: There will be a common final exam for all sections of Math 242.

Course objectives: Upon successful completion of Math 242 the student will have an understanding of topics listed below, be able to solve routine problems, and be able to apply the ideas.

Program objectives: This is the second course of our calculus sequence for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) majors. As these courses are introductory, the approach is more computational than theoretical. Mathematics is the basic language for STEM fields. Understanding the language, the basic ideas and results, and the computational techniques of calculus is prerequisite to any advanced learning in a STEM field.

Approximate Timeline:

Weeks 1–3, Transcendental Functions.
Instructor should cover sections 6.2*-6.4*, rather than 6.2-6.4

1. inverse functions (6.1)
2. the natural logarithmic function (6.2*)
3. the natural exponential function (6.3*)
4. general logarithmic and exponential functions (6.4*)
5. exponential growth and decay (6.5)
6. inverse trigonometric functions (6.6)
7. hyperbolic functions (6.7, optional)
8. indeterminate forms and l’Hôpital’s Rule (6.8)
Weeks 4–7, Techniques of Integration.
(1) integration by parts (7.1)
(2) trigonometric integrals (7.2)
(3) trigonometric substitution (7.3)
(4) integration of rational functions by partial fractions (7.4)
(5) strategy for integration (7.5)
(6) approximate integration (7.7)
(7) improper integrals (7.8).

Week 8–12, Infinite sequences and series
(1) sequences (11.1)
(2) series (11.2)
(3) the integral test and estimates of sums (11.3)
(4) comparison tests (11.4)
(5) alternating series (11.5)
(6) absolute convergence and the ratio and root tests (11.6)
(7) strategy for testing series (11.7)
(8) power series (11.8)
(9) representation of functions as power series (11.9)
(10) Taylor and Maclaurin series (11.10)
(11) applications of Taylor polynomials (11.11, application to physics is optional).

Week 13–15, Differential equations
(1) modeling with differential equations (9.1)
(2) direction fields and Euler’s method (9.2)
(3) separable equations (9.3)
(4) models for population growth (9.4, optional)
(5) linear equations (9.5)