MA 266 – 1901 & 2001
Ordinary Differential Equations
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Class Time and Place:
MWF 9:30 - 10:20 AM (1901), REC 122
MWF 10:30 - 11:20 AM (2001), REC 122

Course Webpage: http://www.math.purdue.edu/MA266

Text: Elementary Differential Equations and Boundary Value Problems, 8th Edition
by W. Boyce and R. DiPrima

Homework: Homework will be collected on every Wednesday in class starting the
second week. Late homework will not be accepted. The assignment mostly
goes with the assignment sheet but there might be a few changes which will be
announced in class. In order to keep up with the material presented in class,
homework should be done daily. You are encouraged to visit the instructor and
ask questions about it while you are working on it and after it is graded.

Quizzes and Attendance: There are quizzes on most Fridays starting from the
second week. Those Fridays near midterm exams or projects due and the last
week of the class will not have any quiz. Missing quizzes are counted zero
and may not be made up in any case. The lowest two quiz scores will
be dropped at the end of the semester in case there is any event or illness
which cannot be avoided through the semester. No attendance will be taken
in class but students are responsible for knowing the material, assignment, etc.
presented in class and any announcement in class.

Exams: There will be two midterm exams during the semester and a final exam at
the end of the semester. Absolutely no make-up exams will be given without
prior permission of the instructor. Validity of excuses is determined by the
instructor. If an emergency happened on an exam day, a notice within 24 hours
is required in order to make up the exam which is missed. No calculators are
allowed in midterms and final exams.

Grades: The course grade is based on the following weight:
Two midterm exams: 100 points each
Final exam: 200 points
Homework, quizzes and projects: 200 points in total
(All three projects together weigh about 50 points of the entire course grade.
Homework and quizzes then share the rest of 150 points.)

Notice: Students should also follow the common ground rules printed together with
the assignment sheet.