

# MATH3354, Differential equations I, Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00-12:20

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**Text:** Differential Equations and Boundary-Value Problems, Dennis G. Zill.

**Learning outcomes:** Math 3354 students will study topics of differential equations, their solutions, and applications to physical sciences and engineering. In particular, the students will learn to:

- recognize a differential equation and its solution
- compute solutions of first-order differential equations
- compute solutions of higher-order differential equations
- use Laplace transforms
- the fundamental properties of power series, and how to use them to solve linear differential equations

The students will understand the concept of differential equations, their solutions and applications to physical sciences and engineering.

*Course Outline:*

- First-Order Differential Equations, (8 days)
- Higher Order Differential Equations, (6 days)
- Series Solutions of Linear Equations, (3 days)
- Laplace Transforms, (5 days)

The rest of the semester is devote to the review of the material.

Midterm dates: September 26, October 24, November 21.

**Assessment of learning outcomes:** There will be 3 midterm exams, each worth 11% of the final grade, a final comprehensive worth 33% of the final grade, and quizzes of a total value of 33% of the final grade. Homework will be assigned, but not

collected. Quizzes will be given periodically over the problems in the homework. The lowest two quiz grades will be dropped. No make up will be given for the quizzes. Attendance is mandatory, and will be taken into account when evaluating student's performance. The midterm exams are given during class time. The final exam is scheduled according to the university policy depending on the class time, and will be given at a location to be communicated later.

**How to study?** First, you should read the classroom notes. Second, you should read the textbook, trying to solve by yourself the detailed examples from the book, then look at how they are solved there. Do the homework regularly. If you have any questions, past or present, ask them in class. Listen to teacher's explanation carefully. If this all fails, come and ask for help and advice during the office hours.

**Other matters:**

ADA accommodations (TTU Operating Policy 34.22). Any student who, because of a disability, may require special arrangements in order to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible to make any necessary arrangements. Students should present appropriate verification from Student Disability Services during the instructor's office hours. Please note: instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from Student Disability Services has been provided. For additional information, please contact Student Disability Services in West Hall or call 806-742-2405.

Absence for observance of a religious holy day (TTU Operating Policy 34.19).  
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same written assignment for two courses without the prior permission of the instructor) or the attempt to commit such an a

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