

Math 256, Introduction to Differential Equations, Fall 2003

Class Time: MTuWF 8-8:50a.m. in 208 Deady
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Textbook: *Elementary Differential Equations*,
by W. E. Boyce and R. C. DiPrima, 7th ed., John Wiley & Sons

- 1. Background and Goals.** This course introduces students to the subject of differential equations. The theory of differential equations developed together with other mathematical tools such as calculus is applied to everyday problems. Topics include first order and higher order differential equations, linear equations and their methods of solving, and Laplace Transform. The course covers most of the first six chapters of Boyce and DiPrima.
- 2. Exams.** There will be two midterm in-class exams on Wed. 10/22 and Wed. 11/12, and a final exam on Tuesday 12/09, 10:15a.m.–12:15p.m.
- 3. Homework.** Homework problems will be assigned regularly and be due in class on Wednesday on the material of the previous week. No late homework will be accepted.
- 4. Grading.** The grading distribution will be as follows:

Homework:	20%
Each of the Midterm Exams:	20%
Final Exam:	40%