

Syllabus
MAE/MSE 502 Partial Differential Equations in Engineering
Spring 2021 M/W 6:00-7:15 PM, ASU Sync/In-Person, Classroom: PSF 101

1. Contact Information

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2. Office Hours

Monday 3-4 PM (zoom only), Wednesday 3-4 PM (zoom only), or by appointment (zoom or in-person). The office hours will provide opportunities of remote or in-person discussion on course material with instructor.

3. Course Description

Development and solution of partial differential equations in engineering. Applications in solid and fluid mechanics, vibrations, and heat transfer.

4. Enrollment Requirements

Graduate Engineering student; Credit is allowed for only MAE or MSE 502.

5. Course Objectives

This course will derive partial differential equations relevant to scientific and engineering applications and discuss the methods for their solutions.

6. Expected Learning Outcomes

- Derivation of partial differential equations in engineering
- Solution of elementary linear partial differential equations
- Analysis of partial differential equations in engineering applications

7. ASU Sync/In-Person Courses

This is an ASU Sync/In-Person course. Students may attend lectures in-person subject to guideline of social distancing, or participate in class remotely using Sync. ASU Sync is a technology-enhanced approach, designed to meet the dynamic needs of the class. During Sync classes, students learn remotely through live class lectures, discussions, study groups and/or tutoring. More information about ASU Sync for students can be found at <https://provost.asu.edu/sync/students> and <https://www.asu.edu/about/fall-2020>.

To participate in class by ASU Sync, log on to MyASU and click open MAE 502 or MSE 502. Click on **Attend via Sync**. This will establish connection to instructor's personal zoom link by which the lectures will be streamed.

8. Grade Policies

Grade will be based on performances in homework (5-6 assignments expected), and two exams, as weighted in the following: Homework 55%, Midterm 20%, Final exam 25%

The expected thresholds for letter grades are: A = 90%, B = 80%, C = 70%, D = 60%, E = Below 60%. These thresholds are subject to adjustments depending on the distribution of the total scores for the class.

9. Absence and Attendance Policies

(a) General Policy

Instructor will arrange make-up exams, extension of deadline for projects, and/or assignment of alternative projects for students who are excused from class with proper reasons. This policy will accommodate students with the following circumstances:

- a. Excused absences related to religious observances/practices that are in accord with [ACD 304-04](#), "Accommodation for Religious Practices"
- b. Excused absences related to university sanctioned events/activities that are in accord with [ACD 304-02](#), "Missed Classes Due to University-Sanctioned Activities"
- c. Excused absences related to missed class due to military line-of-duty activities that are in accord with [ACD 304-11](#), "Missed Class Due to Military Line-of-Duty Activities," and SSM 201-18, "Accommodating Active Duty Military"

Students who expect to miss class due to officially university-sanctioned activities should inform the instructor early in the semester. Alternative arrangements will generally be made for any examinations and other graded in-class work affected by such absences.

(b) ASU Sync/In-Person attendance

Instructor does not plan to take attendance for ASU Sync or In-person class participation on a regular basis. Students are strongly encouraged to attend all classes to acquire the knowledge and skills that are needed to succeed in this class.

(c) Classroom and social distancing

Students who choose to attend lectures in-person must follow ASU guidelines on social distancing. Instructor will provide further detail of classroom attendance policy.

10. Readings, Assignments, Examinations, Special Materials, Required Activities

(a) Course Outline

Textbook: Applied Partial Differential Equations, 5th Edition, by R. Haberman, Pearson, Required

Additional recommended book: Partial Differential Equations for Scientists and Engineers, by S. J. Farlow, Dover.

Topics to cover:

I. Analytic solution of linear PDE

1. Overview of PDE

Commonly encountered PDEs in engineering and science; Types of PDEs, the physical phenomena they represent, and boundary conditions

2. Method of separation of variables; Eigenfunction expansion

3. Sturm-Liouville system and orthogonal representation

4. Fourier series; Solution of PDE by Fourier series expansion

5. Fourier transform; Solution of PDE by Fourier transform

6. PDE in non-Cartesian geometry

7. Forced problem and brief introduction to Green's function

II. Additional topics

8. Brief introduction to nonlinear PDE

Examples of nonlinear PDEs for real world phenomena; Behavior of their solutions; Conservation laws

9. Method of characteristics; Solution of first order PDE

Programming using Matlab or equivalent: Although this course will focus on analytic solutions, some lengthy computations in homework assignments will require programming using Matlab (or other programming languages/tools such as Fortran, C++, Python, Java, R). A beginner's guide for Matlab will be posted to the class website.

(b) ASU Sync Requirements

A personal computer (laptop, desktop, tablet) equipped with a web browser and with internet connection is required to participate in class remotely by ASU Sync. The internet connection should be of sufficient speed to properly carry live streaming by zoom. To participate in class interactively by zoom, student's computer should be equipped with a webcam and a microphone (built-in or external).

For students who are not able to personally finance the equipment needed to attend class via ASU Sync, ASU has a laptop and WiFi hotspot checkout program available through [ASU Library](#).

11. Policy regarding expected classroom behavior

Until further notified, per ASU policy, faculty, staff, students and visitors, are required to wear face coverings in classrooms, labs, offices and community spaces.

12. Academic Integrity

Students in this class must adhere to ASU's academic integrity policy, which can be found at <https://provost.asu.edu/academic-integrity/policy>). Students are responsible for reviewing this policy and understanding each of the areas in which academic dishonesty can occur. In addition, all engineering students are expected to adhere to both the ASU Academic Integrity [Honor Code](#) and the Fulton Schools of Engineering [Honor Code](#). All academic integrity violations will be reported to the Fulton Schools of Engineering Academic Integrity Office (AIO). The AIO maintains record of all violations and has access to academic integrity violations committed in all other ASU college/schools.

Specific rules for collaboration on homework and projects will be released separately in the beginning of the semester. A violation of the rule(s) may lead to lowering of the score for the assignment, in addition to consequences of a violation of ASU's Academic Integrity Policy.

13. Copyright

All course content and materials, including lectures (Zoom recorded lectures included), are copyrighted materials and students may not share outside the class, upload to online websites not approved by the instructor, sell, or distribute course content or notes taken during the conduct of the course (see [ACD 304-06](#), "Commercial Note Taking Services" and ABOR Policy [5-308 F.14](#) for more information).

You must refrain from uploading to any course shell, discussion board, or website used by the course instructor or other course forum, material that is not the student's original work, unless the students first comply with all applicable copyright laws; faculty members reserve the right to delete materials on the grounds of suspected copyright infringement.

14. Policy against threatening behavior, per the Student Services Manual, [SSM 104-02](#)

Students, faculty, staff, and other individuals do not have an unqualified right of access to university grounds, property, or services. Interfering with the peaceful conduct of university-related business or activities or remaining on campus grounds after a request to leave may be considered a crime. All incidents and allegations of violent or

threatening conduct by an ASU student (whether on- or off-campus) must be reported to the ASU Police Department (ASU PD) and the Office of the Dean of Students.

15. Warning of Offensive Class Materials

Participants of this class who find any course material objectionable may consult with the instructor or MAE Program Chair to identify appropriate accommodations.

16. Disability Accommodations

Suitable accommodations will be made for students having disabilities. Students needing accommodations must register with the ASU Disabilities Resource Center and provide documentation of that registration to the instructor. Students should communicate the need for an accommodation in sufficient time for it to be properly arranged. See [ACD 304-08](#) Classroom and Testing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities.

17. Harassment and Sexual Discrimination

Arizona State University is committed to providing an environment free of discrimination, harassment, or retaliation for the entire university community, including all students, faculty members, staff employees, and guests. ASU expressly prohibits discrimination, harassment, and retaliation by employees, students, contractors, or agents of the university based on any protected status: race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and genetic information.

Title IX is a federal law that provides that no person be excluded on the basis of sex from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity. Both Title IX and university policy make clear that sexual violence and harassment based on sex is prohibited. An individual who believes they have been subjected to sexual violence or harassed on the basis of sex can seek support, including counseling and academic support, from the university. If you or someone you know has been harassed on the basis of sex or sexually assaulted, you can find information and resources at <https://sexualviolenceprevention.asu.edu/faqs>.

As a mandated reporter, instructor is obligated to report any information that instructor becomes aware of regarding alleged acts of sexual discrimination, including sexual violence and dating violence. ASU Counseling Services, <https://eoss.asu.edu/counseling>, is available if students wish discuss any concerns confidentially and privately.

18. Update of Syllabus

Any information in this syllabus may be subject to change with reasonable advance notice.