

# MATH 5301: Fourier Series and Orthogonal Functions

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**Course Description** MTH 5301 is intended as an introduction to function spaces, orthogonal functions, Fourier series, Legendre polynomials, spherical harmonics, heat and temperature, and waves and vibrations.

**Class Time** Monday and Wednesday, 1:00 – 4:45 p.m.

**Class Location** Del Rio 101; Eagle Pass B114; Uvalde B111; Castroville 108

**Required Text** Harry F. Davis, *Fourier Series and Orthogonal Functions*, ISBN 9780486659732

**Office Hours** Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., or by appointment.

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## Course Policies

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### Attendance Policy

Attendance is mandatory. You will be held responsible for all material covered in class or in the reading assignments. If you have to miss a class, it is your responsibility to obtain all notes, assignments, and announcements from someone else in the class. Make-up exams will be given only in the event of an emergency, in which case written justification and/or documentation must be provided and approved.

### Communication

I will post course documents, reminders, announcements, and assignments on the Blackboard system. You will also submit homework on Blackboard. I may also occasionally send announcements via e-mail. You should make sure you know how to access and use these tools. E-mail is the best way to contact me.

You are welcome to stop by my office if you wish to speak about the content or your progress in the course. I am here to help you. Ask questions in class, call me, e-mail me, or come to my office. If you don't communicate with me, then I can't help you.

### Homework

You will turn in homework assignments several times a week. Exercises from the text will be prepared as Microsoft Word documents. You will need to use a recent version of Word, such as is available on school computers.

In addition, you will complete a number of small projects on GeoGebra. To obtain GeoGebra, navigate to [www.geogebra.org](http://www.geogebra.org).

### Exams

There will be one midterm exam. Its tentative date is Wednesday, June 17. This is subject to change. You will be notified of a change at least one week in advance. Make-up exams will be given only in the event of an emergency, in which case written justification and/or documentation must be provided and approved.

The final exam is scheduled for Monday, July 6. It will be comprehensive.

### Grading Policy

Your grades will be weighted as follows:

Homework	30%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	40%

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### Subject Outline

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- I. Linear Spaces: *functions – vectors – linear spaces – finite-dimensional linear spaces – infinite dimensional linear spaces*
- II. Orthogonal Functions: *inner products – orthogonal functions and vectors – orthogonal sequences – differential operators – integral operators – convolution and the Dirichlet kernel*
- III. Fourier Series: *definitions – examples – sine and cosine series – the Gibbs phenomenon – uniform convergence*
- IV. Legendre Polynomials and Bessel Functions: *PDEs – the Laplacian – Legendre polynomials – Laplace's equation in spherical coordinates – spherical harmonics – Bessel functions*
- V. Waves and Vibrations; Quantum Theory: *the vibrating string – the one-dimensional wave equation – vibrating membranes – waves in two and three dimensions – the hydrogen atom*
- VI. Heat and Temperature: *the theory of heat conduction – the temperature of plates – the temperature of solids*

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## Schedule

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*This schedule is tentative only. The unit numbers refer to the above outline.*

June 1	Unit I
June 3	Units I – II
June 8	Units II – III
June 10	Unit III
June 15	Units III – IV
June 17	Midterm Exam; Unit IV
June 22	Units IV – V
June 24	Unit V
June 29	Units V – VI
July 1	Unit VI
July 6	Final Exam

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## Americans With Disabilities Act

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