

# Math 4263 - Partial Differential Equations

## Syllabus - Spring 2011

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- Lectures: MWF , 1:30 - 2:20 , LSE 215
- Text: *Partial Differential Equations: An Introduction*,  
by Walter A. Strauss,  
John Wiley & Sons (2008) ISBN: 97800470-0546-7
- Prerequisites: Ordinary Differential Equations and Vector Calculus
- Course Objectives: The theory of partial differential equations will be developed by a systematic study of relatively simple yet important examples. Special emphasis will be placed on techniques of solution and boundary value problems.
- Homework: Homework will be assigned **daily**, and it is expected that a student work out a day's assignment **before** the next lecture. All the homework assigned during a given week will be due at the beginning of the first class of the following week.
- Examinations: There will be one midterm examination worth 100 pts and one final examination worth 200 pts.
- Grades: Grades will be determined exclusively from homework, midterm and final exam scores.
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| 1 Midterm Examination | 100 possible pts.        |
| Homework              | 100 possible pts.        |
| Final Examination     | <u>200 possible pts.</u> |
|                       | 400 possible pts.        |

**N.B.** The final exam will be held 2:00 - 3:50 , Wednesday, May 4 in LSE 215.

Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

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| A: | 360 | - | 400 | pts. |
| B: | 320 | - | 359 | pts. |
| C: | 280 | - | 319 | pts. |
| D: | 240 | - | 279 | pts. |
| F: | 0   | - | 239 | pts. |

## Math 4263: Intro to PDEs

### Sequence of Topics

1. First Order Linear PDEs
2. Characteristics and First Order Equations
3. Second Order Linear PDEs
4. The Wave Equation
5. The Wave Equation
6. Reflections off a Boundary
7. The Wave Equation with a Source
8. The Heat Equation
9. The Heat Equation
10. Maximum Principle and Uniqueness
11. Separation of Variables and Fourier Series
12. Fourier Series, Cont'd
13. Midterm
14. Sturm-Liouville Theory
15. Sturm-Liouville
16. Examples
17. Laplace's Equation
18. Laplace's Equation on a Disc
19. Distributions
20. Green's Identities and Green's Functions
21. Numerical Methods - Divided Differences
22. Finite Element Method
23. Laplace Transform Method