Course Information:

Course Title: Differential Equations
Credits: 3
Class Hours: 3

Course Description:
This is an introductory course in ordinary differential equations. Topics include linear first-order differential equations, applications, homogeneous linear differential equations, second-order linear equations, systems of differential equations, and the Laplace Transforms.

Prerequisite: Math 1920

Instructor Information:

Name:
Email:
Office Phone:
Office Location:
Office Hours:

Required Textbook(s) & Other Materials:

Textbook(s): A First Course in Differential Equations with Modeling Applications, by Dennis G. Zill, 10th edition
ISBN: 9781111827052

Once enrolled, all students should verify that they have the correct textbook and materials information by consulting the D2L/NS Online shell for the course. If you are registered with the Access Center and require an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center at 615-353-3721, 615-353-3741, or accesscenter@nscc.edu.
Course Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Use first-order and second-order differential equations and their solutions.
- Apply the concepts of differential equations to suitable mathematical model.
- Use graphing calculators and/or computer software as tools for the field of study.
- Apply analysis, synthesis, symbol manipulation, graphical conceptualization and technical writing skills in real-world situations.
- Analyze real-world problems related to population growth, predators and prey, competing species and corporations, biology, chemistry, mechanics, thermodynamics, harmonic oscillation, resonance, electric circuits, and anything else that moves.
- Analyze solution techniques comparatively: graphical, numerical, matrix, symbolic, and transforms.

Course Competencies:
The following are detailed course competencies intended to support the course outcomes:

- Classify ordinary differential equations by order and linearity
- Use various techniques to find both general and particular solutions to differential equations
- Use Euler’s method to approximate a particular solution to an initial value problem
- Understand the existence and uniqueness questions relating to an initial value problem
- Use differential equations to model a variety of physical phenomena
- Compute the Laplace transform of a function

Topics to Be Covered:

- Initial Value Problems
- Mathematical Models
- First Order Differential Equations
- Separable Variables
- Linear Equations
- Solutions by Substitutions
- Euler’s Method
- Linear Models
- Nonlinear Models
- Higher Order Differential Equations
- Reduction of Order
- Homogeneous Equations with Constant Coefficients
- Undetermined Coefficients
- Variation of Parameters
- Cauchy-Euler Equations
Course Assessments:

• Three regular tests (80 minutes each), worth a total of 45% of the grade
• Approximately 6 quizzes (15 minutes each), worth a total of 25% of the grade
• One cumulative final exam (120 minutes), worth 30% of the grade

Late Work Policy & Make-up Procedures for Missed Assignments and Work:
There are no makeup tests or quizzes. One quiz grade will be dropped, and one test grade will be replaced with your final exam grade (provided it helps your grade).

Attendance Policy
Students are expected to attend all scheduled classes and laboratories. Absences in a course may affect a student’s final grade. The student is responsible for all assigned work in the course regardless of excused or unexcused absences. Tardiness may also affect a student’s final grade.

In online courses, attendance is signaled by logging on to the D2L/NS Online shell, participating as prompted (e.g., responding to an instructor’s email, posting to a discussion board) and/or completing and submitting assignments. Campus closures do not affect attendance and assignment completion in online courses.

Grading Scale:

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FA
According to NSCC policy, if a student fails a course, but has not officially withdrawn from the course, and her/his last date of attendance is before the last date to withdraw (use date appropriate to your section), the student will receive a grade of FA (i.e., "Failure for Attendance Reasons").

FN
An FN is awarded to students who never attended class.

Technology Statement
Nashville State's classes are considered to be web-enhanced. Faculty have an expectation that students will use a computer and the Internet to complete assignments, engage in online discussions, and access various course materials through D2L/NS Online course shells. Computers are available for student use at each campus during campus open hours.

D2L/NS Online and myNSCC
It is students’ responsibility to check D2L/NS Online course shells for all enrolled courses and myNSCC, including student email, on a regular basis. These are the official communication channels between the college and students, who are responsible for the information communicated through those channels. D2L/NS Online contains specific course information and myNSCC contains information important for other purposes.

ADA Compliance Statement
Nashville State complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If you require accommodations for any courses in which you are enrolled, contact the Access Center at 615.353.3741 or 615.353.3721, or e-mail accesscenter@nscc.edu. If you are registered with the Access Center and require an alternate format for the textbook and other course materials, please contact the Access Center.

Classroom Misconduct
Nashville State Community College has a zero-tolerance policy for disruptive conduct in the classroom. Students whose behavior disrupts the classroom will be subject to disciplinary measures. Please review the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct policy. Please be aware that children are not allowed in class or to be left unattended on campus.

Academic Misconduct
Any form of academic dishonesty, cheating, plagiarizing, or other academic misconduct is prohibited. Students are responsible for understanding and abiding by the Academic Misconduct Policy in the Nashville State Student Code of Conduct. In addition to other possible disciplinary measures that may be applied through regular college procedures as a result of academic dishonesty, the instructor has the authority to assign an “F” or a “zero” for the exercise, paper, or examination, or to assign an “F” for the course. Students may appeal through the appropriate college grade appeal procedures.

Academic Early Alert System
Nashville State Community College uses an Early Alert System to let students know of a faculty member’s concern in one or more of these academic areas: lack of attendance, lack of classroom participation, late or missing assignments, and/or poor performance on assignments/tests. *Please note
that Early Alerts do not affect a student’s academic standing. If you receive an Early Alert email, please see your instructor and your academic advisor as soon as possible.

**RAVE Emergency Alert System**
Emergency events can happen at any time and Nashville State Community College wants to be able notify students if and when they occur. For this reason, all students have been enrolled in the free RAVE alert system. If you have not already done so, please log in at [https://www.getrave.com/login/nscc](https://www.getrave.com/login/nscc) to confirm and update your contact information and notification preferences. It is critical that your information be correct so that you will receive any emergency notifications. Your RAVE Username is your NSCC email address. If you've never received an email from RAVE with your password, or if you need to reset your password, select “Forgot your password?” and a new password will be emailed to you. Should the RAVE system indicate “user not found”, select Register and create your own RAVE account.

**Inclement Weather & Campus Closings**
Nashville State will use the RAVE alert system to send a text message to students, staff, and faculty about adjusted hours of operation and/or closings at individual campuses. All students should check the Nashville State web site home page at www.nscc.edu for announcements on campus closures, which may vary from campus to campus. Campus closures will also be announced on local television stations. Students should use their own best judgment in determining whether to report to campus during inclement weather when classes are not cancelled.

Even when campuses are closed, students are still responsible for completing all assigned work. When classes are cancelled, faculty will post online assignments and any additional instructions in the D2L/NS Online course shell. Check D2L/NS Online for a message from your instructor regarding your online assignment requirements. Faculty have discretion over adjusting deadlines or due date for assignments, but students are responsible for completing all assigned work by the due date established by the instructor.

**Class Cancellation Policy**
If the class is cancelled, the instructor will notify all students by posting in the D2L/NS Online course, e-mailing through D2L/NS Online, and/or by posting a sign on the classroom door. In the event of class cancellation, students must access D2L/NS Online to complete classwork and the assignment that will be posted in the course D2L site.