

**Catalog Description:** The second in a two term sequence on the solutions of ordinary differential equations. Introduction to systems of equations, the Laplace transform and series solutions.

**Course Objectives:** After completing this course, students will be able to

1. Solve a matrix system of differential equations.
2. Use Laplace transforms to solve differential equations.
3. Solve differential equations via power series.
4. Communicate mathematical ideas using correct and appropriate notation.

### Learning Outcomes and Performance Criteria

1. Understand how to set up and solve a matrix system of differential equations.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Given several linear differential equations, write an equivalent matrix system.
- (b) Transform a higher-order differential equation into a system of first order equations.
- (c) Use the eigenvalue method to solve a system of linear differential equations (consider real or complex eigenvalues and repeated eigenvalues of multiplicity two).
- (d) Find critical points and classify their stability both analytically and graphically.
- (e) Solve problems from at least two applications of systems of differential equations from the following: predator-prey, coupled oscillators, RLC-circuits, mixing problems.

Additional Criteria:

- (a) Linearize a non-linear system.
- (b) Solve a system of initial value problems with a software package (for example ode45)

3. Understand how to solve differential equations via power series.

Core Criteria:

- (a) Construct a power-series solution to a polynomial-coefficient, second-order differential equation.
- (b) Use the method of Frobenius to solve a second order differential equation with a regular singular point.
- (c) Generate solutions of the first and second kind to the Bessel equation.