

Course Information
Math 266A: Applied ODEs
Fall 2006

1 Lecture and Discussion Section

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- Prerequisites: advanced calculus, linear algebra
- Text: Coddington & Levinson. *Theory of Ordinary Differential Equations*

2 Course Policies- Tentative

- Homework handout every Friday, due the following Friday
- Midterm: Wednesday, November 1 (in class, open book, open notes)
- Final exam: Take home (tentative)
- **No late homework, no make up exams**
- Grades: midterm (30%), final exam (40%), homework (30%)

3 Holidays, Cancelled Lectures and Makeup Lectures

- Holidays: Nov 10, 24
- Cancelled Lectures: Oct 23, 25; Nov 3, 13, 15; Dec 1
- Makeup Lectures: Oct 5, 12, 19; Nov 9, 28, Dec 7
- First class: Sept 29; Last class: Dec 8

4 Topics

- Initial value problems: well-posedness, linear systems
- Phase plane methods: stationary points, stability, global properties
- Dynamical systems: bifurcation theory, chaos
- Boundary value problems: Green's function, eigenfunctions, Sturm-Liouville theory