

# MATH 6020 – Scientific Computing Fall 2017

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**Office Hours:** MWF 15:00–16:00

**Lectures:** MWF 9:30–10:20 in MACS 301

**Web Site:** University's CourseLink system, <http://www.courseLink.uoguelph.ca/>.

## Calendar Description

This course covers the fundamentals of algorithms and computer programming. This may include computer arithmetic, complexity, error analysis, linear and nonlinear equations, least squares, interpolation, numerical differentiation and integration, optimization, random number generators, Monte Carlo simulation; case studies will be undertaken using modern software.

## Objectives

This course typically has students from a broad range of backgrounds. The objective is to teach students basic programming skills in C and introduce them to a number of different numerical algorithms for the solution of scientific programming problems.

## Topics

C programming including functions, parameter passing, pointers, and structures. We will cover linear algebra topics including QR factorization and least squares minimization, eigenvalues, the singular value decomposition, and iterative methods to solve linear systems.

## Resources

Most of the material in the course will come from the text

- *Numerical Linear Algebra*, L.N. Trefethen and D. Bau III, SIAM, Philadelphia, 1997.

This text is on reserve in the library. If you want your own copy of this excellent text, I noticed some on Amazon for about \$55.

Other texts that are on reserve and would be useful references include:

- *Iterative Methods for Sparse Linear Systems*, 2nd edition, Y. Saad, SIAM 2003.
- *Numerical Analysis*, 8th edition, R. Burden and D. Faires, Thompson Brooks/Cole, 2005.
- *Numerical Analysis*, 2nd edition, T. Sauer, Pearson, 2012.
- *Accuracy and Stability of Numerical Algorithms*, 2nd edition, N. Higham, SIAM, Philadelphia, 2002.

In addition, the primary reference for the C programming language is also on reserve:

- *The C programming language* 2nd edition, B.W. Kernighan, D.M. Ritchie, Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1988.

## Evaluation

There will be three assignments and a final take home exam. All of these will all contain a significant programming component. You will be required to write and submit computer code written in C.

Assessment	date	weight
3 Assignments	6 Oct., 30 Oct., 24 Nov., 9:30 a.m.	60%
Take-home Final Exam	Issued 1 Dec. Due 12 Dec., 4:30 p.m.	40%

## **University Policies**

### **E-mail Communication**

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### **Drop date**

The last date to drop one-semester courses, without academic penalty, is the 40th day of classes, Friday, 3 November, 2017. See the Graduate Calendar Schedule of Dates:

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