

STUDENT SYLLABUS

MAP2480 BioCalculusLab

Fall 08

WEB PAGE: <http://www.math.fsu.edu/~bellenot/class/f08/biolab>

MEETING TIMES: All sections meet in 107 MCH

§2 (T11:00-12:15) §3 (T12:30-1:45) Instructed by Gutierrez and assisted by Dixon

§4 (W3:35-4:50) §5 (W5:15-6:30) Instructed by Daou and assisted by Donahue

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Lab Teaching Assist: Anthony Dixon And Matt Donahue

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All offices hours are posted on the web site

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ELIGIBILITY: Calculus I, MAC 2311 is a prerequisite or corequisite. So you must either be currently enrolled in MAC 2311 or have a grade of C- or better in MAC 2311.

TEXT: There is no text to purchase. Lessons have on-line pdf files. Also there is no software to purchase. But you will need access to a Calculus I textbook.

SOFTWARE: MATLAB will be used in this course. MATLAB is installed in 107 MCH and the following University Public Computer Labs: Oglesby Union (202 OGC), the Carothers Computer Lab (315 MCH) and the Strozier Library Basement Computer Lab. Lab hours are on-line at <http://us.fsu.edu> There are also free matlab clones Scilab and Octave available for free download.

COURSE OBJECTIVES: This course is designed to introduce students to topics in computational and mathematical biology. Problems in biology, medicine and physiology are used to illustrate how computation and mathematics can improve and enhance their understanding. The purpose of the course is

- to improve the students's use of technology and computers
- to introduce students to topics in computational and mathematical biology
- to use techniques from Calculus 1 to analyze and solve problems in biology
- to introduce students to Matlab and similar software

ATTENDANCE: Attendance and class participation will be factors in determining the final grade. No food or drinks are allowed in the classroom. Please turn off cell phones and keep them hidden during class.

COMMUNICATION: It is your responsibility to register for a (free) FSU computer account so that I can send you email, which you are expected to check regularly. If you prefer to read your email elsewhere then you can arrange to have messages forwarded, but you must still obtain an FSU account in the first instance.

GRADING: There will be no tests and no final. Shortly before each lab, there will be an on-line homework assignment due. The homeworks is worth 20% of your grade. The bulk of your grade (70%) comes from in-lab problems that can only be done in 107 MCH. The final 10% is based on attendance and participation. Some participation will require turning typed reports. (You must staple multiple page projects. Both dog-eared paper and paper clips will earn a grade of zero.)

LATE WORK POLICY: Generally late work is not accepted. An unexcused absence from a lab or homework will be penalized. If an absence is excused, then the last lab or homework grade will be used to replace the missing grade. Absences from labs or missing assignments due to family social events will not be excused. Acceptable medical excuses must state explicitly that the student should be excused from class.

COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION: All homework assignments are on-line and due Monday 5 pm; every effort will be made to ensure these problems are always available. However, the deadlines will not be changed, even if networks problems occur and the problems are not available. You get five attempts at the homework, make sure you get at least one attempt several days before the due date. All computer labs must be done in room 107 MCH usually during the lab. Students that don't finish the lab can do so during one of the in-lab office hours.

- Honor code: A copy of the University Academic Honor Code can be found in the current Student Handbook. You are bound by this in all of your academic work. It is based on the premise that each student has the responsibility 1) to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity in the student's own work, 2) to refuse to tolerate violations of academic integrity in the University community, and 3) to foster a high sense of integrity and social responsibility on the part of the University community. You have successfully completed many mathematics courses and know that on a "test" you may not give or receive any help from a person or written material except as specifically designed acceptable. Out of class you are encouraged to work together on assignments but plagiarizing of the work of others or study manuals is academically dishonest.
- ADA statement: Students with disabilities needing academic accommodations should: 1) register with and provide documentation to the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC); 2) bring a letter to the instructor from SDRC indicating you need academic accommodations. This should be done within the first week of class. This and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request.