

## 1 Course Outline

Text: There is no required text for this course, but the following texts should be available in the library and may be used as references.

- D. K. Arrowsmith and C. M. Place [1990], *An Introduction to Dynamical Systems*, Cambridge Press
- J. Hale and H. Kocak [1991], *Dynamics and Bifurcations*, Springer-Verlag
- S. Wiggins [1990], *Introduction to Applied Nonlinear Dynamical Systems and Chaos*, Springer-Verlag

This course will focus on finding the behaviour of dynamical systems which cannot be solved exactly. The course will begin with an introduction to dynamical systems (discrete and continuous). We will consider local bifurcations and finally global dynamics such as the saddle-loop bifurcation and the Smale horseshoe map. Other topics, to be chosen by class interest, may be considered.

All homework assignment and handouts will be available from the web page in pdf format. If you have any problems downloading or viewing/printing these documents please let me know.

## 2 General Information

**Instructor** David Iron

**Times** Mon. Wed and Fri. 10:35-11:25

**Location** The lectures will be held in LSC P 4208.

**Web Page** <http://www.mathstat.dal.ca/~iron/math4200/index.html>

**Office hours** Wed. 2:30-4:00 Thurs. 11:00-12:30

## 3 Instructor Information

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## 4 Grading

**Homework** 60%

**Final Project** 40%

For students enrolled in 4200, each homework will contain optional bonus questions. For students enrolled in 5200 all of the assignment questions will be graded normally.

The final project will be composed of both a written report and an oral presentation. The written report will be due on the last day of classes and should be roughly 15-20 double spaced pages in length. It may be typed, Latexed or handwritten as long as it is legible. Original mathematical results are not required, but the mathematics should be a relatively current. I will supply a list of papers you may wish to choose your topics from. At some point in the term every student must discuss and get approval of a research topic for their final paper.

The oral presentations should be roughly 20 minutes in length and will all take place during the final week of classes.

## 5 Grading Scheme

The grading scheme is as follows:

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
[90, 100]	[85, 90)	[80, 85)	[77, 80)	[73, 77)	[70, 73)	[65, 70)	[60, 65)	[55, 60)	[50, 55)	[0, 50)

## 6 Final Notes

- Late homework will be penalized at 10% per day.
- Homework will be accepted as on time up to 6:00pm on the due date. Email submissions will be accepted, but must be in either pdf or postscript format. I will not accept Word documents or any other proprietary formats.
- The university policy states that all cases of academic misconduct *must* be handled through official channels. I have no latitude in this matter. I do encourage people to work in groups, but I must insist that each student write up their own homework. Please read the paragraph on academic honesty on pages 25-26 in the Calendar.
- Students with permanent or temporary disabilities who would like to discuss classroom or exam accommodations are asked to contact me as soon as possible. For information on available services see <http://www.dal.ca/~services/ssd.html>.