

THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

MATH 138: General Calculus I

Spring 2025 Course Syllabus

NJIT Academic Integrity Code: All Students should be aware that the Department of Mathematical Sciences takes the University Code on Academic Integrity at NJIT very seriously and enforces it strictly. This means that there must not be any forms of plagiarism, i.e., copying of homework, class projects, or lab assignments, or any form of cheating in quizzes and exams. Under the University Code on Academic Integrity, students are obligated to report any such activities to the Instructor.

Please be sure you read and fully understand our [DMS Online Exam Policy](#).

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Description: Intended for students who are not in Science or in Engineering. An introduction to differential and integral calculus of a single variable.

Number of Credits: 3

Prerequisites: [MATH 107](#) with a grade of C or better, or [MATH 110](#) with a grade of C or better or NJIT placement.

Course-Section and Instructors:

Course-Section	Instructor
Math 138-006	Professor S. Nair

Office Hours for All Math Instructors: [Spring 2025 Office Hours and Emails](#)

Required Textbook:

Title	<i>Calculus: Concepts and Contexts bundled w/ WebAssign</i>
Author	Stewart
Edition	5th
Publisher	Cengage
ISBN #	9780357632499 (Book Only) 9780357756911 (Bundle with Webassign)

University-wide Withdrawal Date: The last day to withdraw with a W is [Monday, April 7, 2025](#). It will be

strictly enforced.

COURSE GOALS

Course Objectives

- Understand the notion of infinity and how useful it is for calculating areas between plane curves and the instantaneous rate of change, mainly. On the other hand, students will understand how the derivative and the integral are related.
- Students should learn the Derivative Criteria to maximize (or minimize) a differentiable function.
- Students should be familiar with various integration (and derivation and limits) techniques.

Course Outcomes

- Students are prepared for General Calculus II and further study in the relevant technological disciplines.
- Students can apply their knowledge of Calculus I to solve problems (reduced to one variable) in engineering and the natural sciences.
- Students understand that calculus is a necessary foundation for science, technology, and logic in general.

Course Assessment: The assessment of objectives is achieved through homework assignments, weekly quizzes, and the midterm and final examinations.

POLICIES

DMS Course Policies: All DMS students must familiarize themselves with, and adhere to, the **Department of Mathematical Sciences Course Policies**, in addition to official **university-wide policies**. DMS takes these policies very seriously and enforces them strictly.

Grading Policy: The final grade in this course will be determined as follows:

Homework (WebAssign)	15%
Quizzes (Every Week)	15%
Midterm Exam I	20%
Midterm Exam II	20%
Final Exam	30%

Your final letter grade will be based on the following tentative curve. **NOTE:** This course needs to be passed with a grade of C or better in order to proceed to Math 238 or Math 246.

A	90 - 100	C	65 - 74
B+	85 - 89	D	55 - 64
B	80 - 84	F	0 - 54
C+	75 - 79		

Attendance Policy: Attendance at all classes will be recorded and is **mandatory**. Please make sure you read and fully understand the **Math Department's Attendance Policy**. This policy will be strictly enforced. Each class

is a learning experience that cannot be replicated through simply “getting the notes.”

Religious Observance: NJIT is committed to supporting students observing religious holidays. Students must notify their instructors in writing of any conflicts between course requirements and religious observances, ideally by the end of the second week of classes and no later than two weeks before the anticipated absence.

Homework: Homework is an expectation of the course. All homework assignments are online using WebAssign. The online assignments can be completed at www.webassign.net. You need to have a student access code. Access codes are included with new book that is bundled with WebAssign; codes can be purchased separately from the bookstore or online. WebAssign gives you free access for two weeks after the start of class. If you have any difficulties with registering and getting an account with WebAssign, please see the professor immediately.

Quiz Policy: There will be 8-12 quizzes given throughout the semester. They will be based on the lecture, homework and the in-class discussions.

Exams: There will be two exams during the semester and a cumulative final exam during the final exam week. Each exam will test the material taught since the beginning of the semester:

Midterm Exam I	TBA
Midterm Exam II	TBA
Final Exam Period	May 10 - May 16, 2024

The final exam will test your knowledge of all the course material taught in the entire course. Make sure you read and fully understand the [Math Department's Examination Policy](#). This policy will be strictly enforced.

Makeup Exam Policy: There will be **NO MAKE-UP QUIZZES OR EXAMS** during the semester. In the event an exam is not taken under rare circumstances where the student has a legitimate reason for missing the exam, the student should contact the Dean of Students office and present written verifiable proof of the reason for missing the exam, e.g., a doctor's note, police report, court notice, etc. clearly stating the date AND time of the mitigating problem. The student must also notify the Math Department Office/Instructor that the exam will be missed.

Cellular Phones: All cellular phones and other electronic devices must be switched off during all class times.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Math Tutoring Center: Located in the Central King Building, Lower Level, Rm. G11 (See: [Spring 2025 Hours](#))

Further Assistance: For further questions, students should contact their instructor. All instructors have regular office hours during the week. These office hours are listed on the Math Department's webpage for [Instructor Office Hours and Emails](#).

Accommodation of Disabilities: The Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) offers long term and temporary accommodations for undergraduate, graduate and visiting students at NJIT.

If you are in need of accommodations due to a disability please If you need an accommodation due to a disability please contact the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services at oars@njit.edu. The office is located in Kupfrian Hall, Room 201. A Letter of Accommodation Eligibility from the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services office authorizing your accommodations will be required.

For further information regarding self identification, the submission of medical documentation and additional support services provided please visit the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS) website at:

<https://www.njit.edu/accessibility/>

Important Dates (See: [Spring 2025 Academic Calendar, Registrar](#))

Date	Day	Event
January 21, 2025	Tuesday	First Day of Classes
January 27, 2025	Monday	Last Day to Add/Drop Classes
March 16, 2025	Sunday	Spring Recess Begins
March 22, 2025	Saturday	Spring Recess Ends
April 3, 2025	Thursday	Wellness day
April 7, 2025	Monday	Last Day to Withdraw
April 18, 2025	Friday	Good Friday - No Classes
April 20, 2025	Sunday	Easter Sunday - No Classes Scheduled
May 6, 2025	Tuesday	Thursday Classes Meet
May 7, 2025	Wednesday	Friday Classes Meet
May 7, 2025	Wednesday	Last Day of Classes
May 8, 2025	Thursday	Reading Day 1
May 9, 2025	Friday	Reading Day 2
May 10 - May 16, 2025	Friday to Thursday	Final Exam Period

Course Outline

Lecture	Sections	Topic	Assignment
1	2.2	The Limit of a Function	2.2 ex: 4, 6, 14, 16
2	2.3	Calculating Limits using Limit Laws	2.3 ex: 12, 16, 18, 20
3	2.5	Limits Involving Infinity	2.5 ex: 4, 16, 20, 22, 24
4	2.6	Derivatives and Rates of Change	2.6 ex: 6, 8, 11, 13

5	2.7	The Derivative as a Function	2.7 ex: 4, 14, 19, 21, 26
6	3.1	Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponential Functions	3.1 ex: 4, 8, 12, 50
7	Appendix C	Trigonometry	Appendix C: ex: 21, 23, 25
8	3.2	Product and Quotient Rules	3.2 ex: 3, 5, 15, 17
9	3.3	Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions	3.3 ex: 3, 5, 11, 15, 16
10	3.4	<i>Chain Rule</i>	3.4 ex: 3,4,12,16.
11		Review for Exam I	
12		Exam I	TBA
13	3.5	Implicit Differentiation	3.5 ex: 6, 8, 22, 24
14	3.7	Derivatives of Log Functions	3.7 ex: 4, 8, 10, 12
15	3.8	Rates of Change in the Natural and Social Sciences	3.8 ex: 8, 12a, 14
16	4.1	Related Rates	4.1 ex: 11, 12, 13, 14
17	4.2	Max and Min Values	4.2 ex: 4, 6, 24, 26
18	4.3	<i>Derivatives and Shapes of Curves</i>	4.3 ex: 8, 12, 22, 24
19	4.5	Indeterminate forms and L'Hopital's Rule	4.5 ex: 5, 8, 31, 34
20	4.6	Optimization Problems	4.6 ex: 10, 14, 18, 40
21		Review for Exam II	
22		Exam II	TBA
23	4.8	Antiderivatives	

24	5.1	Areas and Distances	5.1 ex: 1-2
25	5.2	The Definite Integral	5.2 ex: 5
26	5.3	Evaluating Definite Integrals	5.3 ex: 4, 10, 14, 24
27	5.4	<i>The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus</i>	5.4 ex: 8, 24
28	Catch up	Review for Final Exam	

Updated by Professor S. Nair - 2025
Department of Mathematical Sciences Course Syllabus, Spring 2025