

MATH 255A: Calculus for the Life Sciences I

Schedule for Spring 2020 (Tentative!)

Week	Days	Coverage	Online Problems	Practice Problems
1	01/21 – 01/24	1.1, 1.2, 1.3	1.1: 7, 10, 17, 20, 31, 37, 41, 46; 1.2: 1, 9, 12, 14, 20, 22, 32, 45; 1.3: 3, 6, 11, 16, 18, 21, 25, 28, 36;	1.1: 18, 32, 38, 41, 44, 45; 1.2: 13, 15, 18, 31-34, 45, 48; 1.3: 7, 8, 12, 13, 25, 29, 37.
2	01/27 – 01/31	1.4, 1.5	1.4: 2, 4, 13, 20, 23, 25, 28, 29, 33, 35, 42; 1.5: 30, C15**, 26, 47, 34, 35, 44;	1.4: 7, 9, 14, 26, 27, 32, 34, 37, 39, 44; 1.5: 8, 10, 15, 35, 42, 43.
3	02/03 – 02/07	1.6, 1.7	1.6: 21, 23, 31, 34, 37, 42, 43, 46, 10; 1.7: 1, 12, 14, 21, 23, 25, 31, 32.	1.6: 12, 13, 14, 15-30; 38; 1.7: 21, 23, 24, 31, 33, 35.
4	02/10 – 02/14	2.1, midterm 1	2.1: C1, C4, 17, 26, 30, 37, 39, 43;	2.1: 3, 6, 9, 12, 13, 23, 30, 37, 41, 52.
5	02/17 – 02/21	2.2, 2.3, 2.4	2.2: C5, C6, C8, C10, C4, 40, 41, 42; 2.3: 11, C20, C21, 20, C1, C10, C11, C12, 23, 27; 2.4: C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C1, C7, C9, C10, 39, 40, 46;	2.2: 1, 3, 5, 7, 15, 17, 21, 22, 23, 27-30, 40, 41 2.3: 1, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 20, 21, 23, 27, 39, 41; 2.4: 1-9, 19, 21, 22, 25, 26, 31, 32, 39, 47.
6	02/24 – 02/28	2.5, 2.6, 2.7	2.5: 1, 9, 15, 16, 17, 25, 29, 33; 2.6: 1, 6, 16, 24, 26, C1, 33, 35; 2.7: 6, 7, 14, 22, 29, 31, 45;	2.5: 3, 8, 10, 13, 18, 21, 27, 30, 34; 2.6: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 17, 19, 25, 27, 34, 36, 37; 2.7: 5, 8, 13, 15, 21, 30, 31, 46.
7	03/02 – 03/06	3.1, 3.2	3.1: C3, C4, C5, C7, C9, C12, 1, 9, 19, 31, 39; 3.2: C2, C3, C5, C7, C8, 21, 26, 35.	3.1: 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 20, 21, 23, 25, 31, 33, 34; 3.2: 1, 5, 9, 13, 15, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 31, 34, 37.
8	03/09 – 03/13	3.3, midterm 2	3.3: C2, C3, C4, C9, C11, C14, C15, C19, C21, C20, 34	3.3: 3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 29, 33, 35, 37.
9	03/23 – 03/27	3.4, 3.5, 3.6	3.4: C2, C7, C10, 13, 16, 28, 31, 34; 3.5: C1, C6, 13, 16, 18, 19, 24, 32, 34, 40; 3.6: C1, C2, 4, 9, 19, 27, 45, 49;	3.4: 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15, 19, 20-25, 27, 31, 33, 35; 3.5: 1, 2, 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 19, 21, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35; 3.6: 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 11, 19, 23, 25, 27-29, 35, 37, 39, 45, 46, 50.
10	03/30 – 04/03	4.1, 4.2	4.1: 4, 6, 15, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35; 4.2: 8, 12, 13, 15, 18, 22, 24, 38;	4.1: 3, 5, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 21, 28, 32, 34; 4.2: 1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 16, 19, 20, 23, 24, 34, 39.
11	04/06 – 04/10	4.3, 5.1	4.3: 1, 3, 15, 23, 27, 37; 5.1: 1, 4, 10, 20, 27, 28, 29, 41, 45, 49;	4.3: 2, 14, 8 [†] , 9 [†] , 25 [†] , 26 [†] , 32, 36, 38; 5.1: 3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 25, 30, 42, 46, 47, 50, 52;

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12	04/13 – 04/17	review, midterm 3		
13	04/20 – 04/24	5.2, 5.3	5.2: C3, C7, C8, C10, 25, 37; 5.3: C3, C7, 13, 22, 30, 33, 43, 45;	5.2: 3, 9, 15, 17, 26, 38; 5.3: 14-16, 19, 29, 31, 35, 39, 40, 44, 46.
14	04/27 – 05/01	5.4, 5.5	5.4: C4, C6, C7, C8, C10, C11, C12, C13, C16, 17, 30; 5.5: C1, C2, C3, C4, C7, C10, C19, C23, C25, 33.	5.4: 3, 5, 7, 9-13, 17, 19, 21, 25, 31; 5.5: 9, 11, 12, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 29, 34.
15	05/04 – 05/08	review		

* No classes the week of March 16 – 22 (spring recess) and on Tuesday March 31 (César Chávez Day)

** Problems marked with C are “Core Calculus” questions, from the WileyPlus problem database. (Similar textbook questions included in Practice Problems.)

† optional, depending on lecture coverage

Textbook:

Calculus for the Life Sciences, by S. J. Schreiber, K. Smith, W. Getz, 1st ed., Wiley 2014.

Course Topics:

1. Modeling with Functions (brief Precalculus Review)
 - 1.1. Real Numbers and Functions
 - 1.2. Data Fitting with Linear and Periodic Functions
 - 1.3. Power Functions and Scaling Laws
 - 1.4. Exponential Growth
 - 1.5. Function Building
 - 1.6. Inverse Functions and Logarithms
 - 1.7. Sequences and Difference Equations*
2. Limits and Derivatives
 - 2.1. Rates of Change and Tangent Lines
 - 2.2. Limits
 - 2.3. Limit Laws and Continuity
 - 2.4. Asymptotes and Infinity
 - 2.5. Sequential Limits*
 - 2.6. Derivative at a Point
 - 2.7. Derivatives as Functions
3. Derivative Rules and Tools
 - 3.1. Derivatives of Polynomials and Exponentials
 - 3.2. Product and Quotient Rules
 - 3.3. Chain Rule and Implicit Differentiation
 - 3.4. Derivatives of Trigonometric Functions
 - 3.5. Linear Approximation
 - 3.6. Higher Derivatives and Approximations
 - 3.7. l'Hopital's Rule*
4. Applications of Differentiation
 - 4.1. Graphing Using Calculus
 - 4.2. Getting Extreme
 - 4.3. Optimization in Biology
 - 4.4. Decisions and Optimization*
 - 4.5. Linearization and Difference Equations*
5. Integration
 - 5.1. Antiderivatives
 - 5.2. Accumulated Change and Area under a Curve
 - 5.3. The Definite Integral
 - 5.4. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
 - 5.5. Integration by Substitution

* Optional sections, not part of the final exam. Can be covered as time permits and included in midterms.