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General Information

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Credit points
3

Prerequisites
HSC Mathematics Band 4 or HSC Mathematics Extension 1 Band E2 or HSC Mathematics Extension 2 or MATH130 or MATH123(HD)

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
This is the first mainstream mathematics unit. It is essential for students in science and technology, and recommended for students in many other areas who wish to enhance their mathematical skills. Apart from some brief discussion on complex numbers and congruences, the main topic in the algebra half of this unit concerns linearity and the interplay between algebra and geometry. Plane geometry is first used to motivate the study of systems of linear equations. Algebraic techniques involving matrices and determinants are then developed to study these problems further. The algebraic machinery developed is then used to study geometrical problems in 3-dimensional space. The notion of a limit is developed to a more sophisticated level than in secondary school mathematics, and this is used to study the differential and integral calculus involving functions of one real variable to a far greater depth than before. Some simple numerical techniques on integration are also discussed.

Important Academic Dates
Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://students.mq.edu.au/important-dates

Learning Outcomes

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4. Demonstrate an understanding of the key concept of integral as accumulated change, and be able to calculate integrals of a wide range of functions, using the relevant methods. Be able to solve a broad range of mathematical problems involving integration.

5. Understanding and constructing elementary mathematical arguments, using the concepts and techniques studied in this unit.

6. Have a reasonable understanding about the applications of these concepts and techniques in other disciplines, in particular in Physics and Engineering.

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**Assessment Tasks**

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Three assignments

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Tutorial work
Due: Ongoing
Weighting: 20%

Compulsory weekly two-hour tutorial classes

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**Quizzes**

**Due:** See unit website  
**Weighting:** 6%

Online quizzes; 1% each when completed by the due date

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**Test**

**Due:** See unit website  
**Weighting:** 16%

Supervised mid-semester test

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Due: **End-of-semester**

Weighting: **40%**

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**Delivery and Resources**

**Delivery:** Day, Internal.

**Classes:** Students are strongly encouraged to attend all four lectures each week.

**Tutorials:** You should attend one tutorial each week. Tutorial classes are compulsory. Students
Unit Schedule

Learning and Teaching Activities

Lectures
There will be four one hour lectures per week, where the concepts are introduced, explained and illustrated. During these the content of the unit will be explained and example problems will be solved and applications in other disciplines discussed.

Tutorial classes
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MATH135 Workshop
There is a weekly optional workshop provided by the Numeracy Centre.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from Policy Central. Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

Academic Honesty Policy http://mq.edu.au/policy/docs/academic_honesty/policy.html

In addition, a number of other policies can be found in the Learning and Teaching Category of Policy Central.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: [https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/student_conduct/)

**Results**

Results shown in iLearn, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au.

**Student Support**

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit [http://students.mq.edu.au/support/](http://students.mq.edu.au/support/)

**Learning Skills**

Learning Skills ([mq.edu.au/learningskills](http://mq.edu.au/learningskills)) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- Workshops
- StudyWise
- Academic Integrity Module for Students
- Ask a Learning Adviser

**Student Enquiry Service**

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

**Equity Support**

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the Disability Service who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

**IT Help**


When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the Acceptable Use Policy. The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.
Graduate Capabilities

Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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**Problem Solving and Research Capability**

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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**Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative**

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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**Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking**

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

This graduate capability is supported by:
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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Extra requirements

Satisfactory performance on supervised assessment tasks, that is the test and the final exam, is necessary to pass this unit. Students who do not meet this requirement will have their grade capped at F49 (Fail 49%). In addition, in order to obtain a passing grade in this unit, students are required to demonstrate their mastery of the required basic skills and techniques by passing all on-line quizzes. Again, students who do not meet this requirement will have their grade capped at F49.

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