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General Information

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Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description

This unit introduces students to a range of mathematical techniques from algebra and calculus. Its focus is on the modern application of these ideas, with a particular emphasis on applications to problems in economics, business and finance, and provides a sound mathematical basis for further study in these areas. Topics include algebra relevant to basic financial mathematics, the development of the techniques of differentiation and integration with applications to constrained and unconstrained optimisation, including multivariable cases, and the development and application of a variety of useful approximation techniques. A key focus of the unit is the development of a clear understanding of the role that mathematics plays in modern society, and the development of a sound grasp of how mathematics is used to provide sophisticated modelling of complex real problems.

While the mathematical content of this unit has considerable overlap with the mathematical content of MATH130, the flavour with which the material is presented is such that this unit is the appropriate choice for economics, business and finance students, while students who wish to pursue study in science will be better served by studying MATH130.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

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Construct sustained logical, clearly presented and justified mathematical arguments incorporating deductive reasoning.

Formulate and model "real world" problems, including identifying and applying appropriate mathematical techniques.

Apply mathematical principles, concepts, techniques and technology efficiently to solve "real world" problems.

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Demonstrate an understanding of ethical, social and environmental issues relating to professional mathematical work, identify and address issues arising in such professional work and make ethical decisions while collecting and analysing data and reporting

findings.

Work effectively, responsibly and safely in individual and team contexts.

At the end of this unit students will be able to: Demonstrate foundational learning skills including active engagement in their learning process.

General Assessment Information

HURDLES: Attendance at, and reasonable engagement in, tutorials in all first year mathematics units is **compulsory**. Participation will be assessed by tutors via rosters and observation of students' work during classes. Attendance and reasonable engagement in the class activities in, at least 10 out of 12 of the tutorial classes are requirements to pass the unit.

IMPORTANT: If you apply for Disruption to Study for your final examination, you must make yourself available for the supplementary exam period. If you are not available in this period, there is no guarantee an additional examination time will be offered. Specific examination dates and times will be determined at a later date.

ATTENDANCE and PARTICIPATION: Please contact the unit convenor as soon as possible if you have difficulty attending and participating in any classes. There may be alternatives available to make up the work. If there are circumstances that mean you miss a class, you can apply for a disruption to study.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
<u>Group work video</u>	10%	No	Week 12
<u>Assignments</u>	30%	No	Weeks 6,9, 12
<u>Final examination</u>	40%	No	University Examination Period
<u>Tutorial Homework</u>	20%	No	Weekly

Group work video

Due: **Week 12**

Weighting: **10%**

Group assignment where a vodcast is created.

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Three assignments, each having a weight of 10%.

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Final examination

Due: **University Examination Period**

Weighting: **40%**

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Tutorial Homework

Due: **Weekly**

Weighting: **20%**

Tutorial homework based on the previous tutorial class

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Delivery and Resources

Classes

Lectures: you should attend four hours of each lectures each week.

Tutorials: you should attend one tutorial each week.

Required and Recommended Texts and/or Materials

The main text for this unit is:

Mavron, et al, *Mathematics for Economics and Finance*, Springer.

It can be found [here](#). The book can be downloaded for free when using an academic internet connection, such as using your student login details at university or from the computers in the library.

There are a variety of texts that cover the content of the unit:

- Jacques, *Mathematics for Economics and Business*, any edition, Pearson. Library call number *HB135 .J32 2015*.
- Bradley, *Essential Mathematics for Economics and Business*, Wiley, 4th edition, 2013. Library call number *HF5691 .B7 2013*.
- Swift, *Quantitative Methods for Business Management and Finance*, Palgrave Macmillan, 4th edition, 2014 Library call number *HD 30.215 .S295 2014*

There are many books in the library with similar content.

The following texts are also useful for this unit, and are available from the CO-OP Bookshop on campus, and are in the Library.

- Stewart, Redlin and Watson; *Precalculus: mathematics for calculus*, any edition
- Hughes-Hallett and Gleason; *Calculus: single and multivariable*, any edition

Additional Notes

- [Numeracy Centre notes](#) on introductory concepts and techniques that are assumed knowledge for MATH123. These notes also cover some of the material in MATH123. Students who have not studied maths for several years, or who did HSC General Mathematics often find these notes helpful.

Technology Used and Required

Students are expected to have access to an internet enabled computer with a web browser and Adobe Reader software. Several areas of the university provide wireless access for portable

computers. There are computers for student use in the Library.

In order to complete the group work video assessment task, students will need access to a device capable of recording video and audio, such as a smartphone or computer with a webcam. Students who do not have access to such devices will be assisted in joining a group that does.

Difficulties with your home computer or internet connection do not constitute a reasonable excuse for lateness of, or failure to submit, assessment tasks.

Unit Schedule

	26/2/2018	Graphs	Order of operations, decimals, Fractions, real numbers	
	5/3/2018	The XY plane	Expansions and Factorisation	
	12/3/2018	The derivative: introduction, definition and meaning	Powers, Linear equations	
	19/3/2018	The derivative: rules	Linear and Quadratic equations	
	26/3/2018	The derivative: uses in economics	Linear and Quadratic equations	
	3/4/2018	Optimization	Exponential and logarithmic functions	A1
	9/4/2018	Functions of several variables	Exponential and logarithmic functions	
	30/4/2018	Lagrange Multipliers	Inequalities, absolute value	
	7/5/2018	Derivatives of Exponentials and logarithms; Newton's Method	Progressions: arithmetic and geometric	A2
	14/5/2018	Integration: introduction, meaning, definition, computation, FTC	Applications of GPs to finance	
	21/5/2018	Integration: numerical, rules, substitution	Matrices	Vodcast
	28/5/2018	Integration: uses in Economics	Matrices and Linear Equations	A3
	4/6/2018	Revision	Revision	

Learning and Teaching Activities

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Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)

- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway) (<https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway>). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central](http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central) (<http://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/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/study/getting-started/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/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (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 Services and 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.

Student Enquiries

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

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

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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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.

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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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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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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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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

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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.

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