Department of Mathematics & Statistics
Concordia University

MAST 218
Multivariable Calculus I
Fall 2025

Instructor*: _____

Email: _____

Office Hours: _____

*Students should get the above information from their instructor during class time. The instructor is the person to contact should there be any questions about the course.

Office Hours: The instructor will announce in class the hours when help will be available to discuss and clarify the material of the course. Note that, if a student misses a lecture, the instructor will not use office hours to make up for the student's missed class. Office hours are to clarify and better assimilate the material of the course that the student tried first to understand from the lecture or textbook in an individual study.

Midterm Break: No classes between October 11 and October 17, 2025.

Prerequisites: Math 204 and 205 or equivalent.

Textbook: *Multivariable Calculus*, 9th Edition by J. Stewart, (Cengage Learning, © 2020) ISBN: 9780357042922 (hardcover) and 9780357746943 (e-book) available at the university's bookstore https://www.bkstr.com/concordiastore/home.
Note: Students should order textbooks as early as possible, especially for printed versions in case books are backordered or there are any shipping delays.

The 8th Edition is not available for purchase, but you may use it for this course if you already have it. The course outline has the weekly sections and suggested problems for both editions (see tables on pages 3-4).

WeBWorK: **Every** student will be given access to an online system called **WeBWorK**. Students will use this system to do online assignments (see Assignments below).

Assignments: Assignments are ***very important*** as they indicate the level of difficulty of the problems that students are expected to solve and understand. Therefore, every effort should be made to do and understand them. Students are expected to submit assignments online using **WeBWorK**. Late assignments

will not be accepted. Assignments contribute 10% to the final grade. The lowest grade assignment will be dropped (this could be an assignment marked as zero for not being submitted due to illness or late enrollment). Students are also strongly advised to work on the suggested problems, and similar ones, in the tables on pages 3-4.

Web Resources: Stewart Calculus offers a number of resources that you may use at the site https://www.stewartcalculus.com/media/11_home.php

In addition, OpenStax, the world's largest publisher of open education resources provides under the listing of Calculus 3 a variety of problems, in addition to a free, peer-reviewed textbook that covers the standard material you will see in this course: https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-3

A selection of suggested problems from **OpenStax** has been included for your practice in a table on pages 4-5.

Use of Software: It is optional but strongly recommended to use software such as Maple, Mathematica or WolframAlpha to verify and illustrate the analytical results you get while solving your assignment problems.

Calculators: Only calculators approved by the Department (with a sticker attached as proof of approval) are permitted for the class test and final examination.
Consult the list of approved calculators at
https://www.concordia.ca/artsci/math-stats/services.html

Tests: One class midterm test covering the material of the first five weeks will be given in week 6 or 7. The exact date will be announced in class during the first 2-3 weeks. **There is no make up for a missed midterm.** The final examination will cover material from the entire course.

PLEASE NOTE: Students are responsible for finding out the date and time of the final exam once the schedule is posted by the Examination Office. Any conflicts or problems with the scheduling of the final exam must be reported directly to the Examination Office, **not** to your instructor. It is the Department's policy and the Examination Office's policy **that students are to be available until the end of the final exam period. Conflicts due to travel plans will not be accommodated.**

Final Grade: The higher of the following:
- 90% final exam, 10% assignments, or
- 30% midterm, 10% assignments, and 60% final.

There is no 100% option for this course.

If the grading scheme for this course includes graded assignments, a reasonable and representative subset of each assignment may be graded. Students will not be told in advance which subset of the assigned problems will be marked and should therefore attempt all assigned problems.

Scheduling and assignments for the 8th Edition (weeks 6 and 7 may be switched at the instructor's discretion):

Week	Sections	Topics	Suggested problems
1	10.1 10.2	Parametric equations of curves Calculus with parametric curves	**10.1: 8, 17, 24, 28** **10.2: 6, 16, 32, 42**
2	10.3 10.4 10.5	Polar coordinates Areas and lengths in polar coordinates Conic sections	**10.3: 20, 28, 32, 42, 54** **10.4: 12, 26, 30, 48** **10.5: 8, 16, 24, 30, 44, 48**
3	10.6 12.1	Conic sections in polar coordinates. Three-dimensional coordinate systems	**10.6: 10, 12, 14** **12.1: 20, 23, 32, 36, 38**
4	12.2 12.3 12.4	Vectors Dot product Cross product	**12.2: 20, 26, 28** **12.3: 22, 24, 42, 45, 47, 64** **12.4: 4, 18, 36, 44**
5	12.5 12.6	Equations of lines and planes Cylinders and quadric surfaces	**12.5: 10, 20, 22, 30, 34, 38, 62, 74** **12.6: 12, 14, 18, 21-28**
6		**Review Chapters 10 and 12** **Midterm Evaluation**	
7	13.1 13.2	Vector functions and space curves Derivatives and integrals of vector functions	**13.1: 32, 42, 50** **13.2: 24, 26, 36**
8	13.3 13.4	Arc length and curvature of space curve Velocity and acceleration	**13.3: 4, 6, 24, 30, 50** **13.4: 18 (a), 23, 24**
9	14.1 14.2 14.3	Functions of several variables Limits and continuity Partial derivatives	**14.1: 18, 30, 48** **14.2: 12, 14, 18, 38, 40** **14.3: 50, 68, 76 (d)**
10	14.4 14.5	Tangent planes and linear approximation Chain rule	**14.4: 6, 16, 26** **14.5: 8, 12, 34, 46**
11	14.6 14.7	Directional derivatives and gradient vector Maximum and minimum values	**14.6: 6, 24, 29, 32, 46, 54, 56, 61** **14.7: 20, 32, 36, 50, 52, 59**
12	14.8	Lagrange multipliers **Review Chapters 13 and 14**	**14.8: 1, 4, 6, 16, 18**

Scheduling and assignments for the 9th Edition (weeks 6 and 7 may be switched at the instructor's discretion):

Week	Sections	Topics	Suggested problems
1	10.1 10.2	Parametric equations of curves Calculus with parametric curves	**10.1: 10, 22, 30, 34** **10.2: 10, 14, 35, 48**
2	10.3 10.4 10.5	Polar coordinates Areas and lengths in polar coordinates Conic sections	**10.3: 20, 28, 36, 46, 56** **10.4: 11, 26, 30, 52** **10.5: 8, 16, 24, 32, 46, 50**
3	10.6 12.1	Conic sections in polar coordinates. Three-dimensional coordinate systems	**10.6: 16, 18, 20** **12.1: 22, 25, 32, 34, 42**

4	12.2 12.3 12.4	Vectors Dot product Cross product	**12.2: 20, 26, 28** **12.3: 22, 24, 42, 45, 47, 64** **12.4: 4, 18, 36, 44**
5	12.5 12.6	Equations of lines and planes Cylinders and quadric surfaces	**12.5: 10, 20, 22, 30, 34, 38, 62, 74** **12.6: 14, 16, 20, 23-30**
6		**Review Chapters 10 and 12** **Midterm Evaluation**	
7	13.1 13.2	Vector functions and space curves Derivatives and integrals of vector functions	**13.1: 40, 50, 58** **13.2: 26, 28, 38, 44**
8	13.3 13.4	Arc length and curvature of space curve Velocity and acceleration	**13.3: 6, 8, 28, 34, 54** **13.4: 18 (a), 23, 24**
9	14.1 14.2 14.3	Functions of several variables Limits and continuity Partial derivatives	**14.1: 12, 30, 48** **14.2: 12, 24, 26, 50, 52** **14.3: 44, 62, 78 (d)**
10	14.4 14.5	Tangent planes and linear approximation Chain Rule	**14.4: 10, 22, 34** **14.5: 12, 16, 38, 50**
11	14.6 14.7	Directional derivatives and gradient vector Maximum and minimum values	**14.6: 6, 26, 30, 35, 38, 52, 60, 62, 67** **14.7: 22, 34, 38, 52, 54, 61**
12	14.8	Lagrange multipliers **Review Chapters 13 and 14**	**14.8: 1, 3, 6, 24, 30**

Openstax Suggested problems at https://openstax.org/details/books/calculus-volume-3

Week	Sections	Topics	OpenStax section	Suggested problems
1	10.1 10.2	Parametric equations of curves Calculus with parametric curves	**1.1** **1.2**	**1, 3, 11** **69, 71, 107, 109**
2	10.3 10.4 10.5	Polar coordinates Areas and lengths in polar coordinates Conic sections	**1.3** **1.4** **1.5**	**163, 169, 183** **195, 209, 219** **259, 275, 299, 306**
3	10.6 12.1	Conic sections in polar coordinates. Three-dimensional coordinate systems	**1.5** **2.2**	**281, 287, 295** **69, 71, 76**
4	12.2 12.3 12.4	Vectors Dot product Cross product	**2.1-2.2** **2.3** **2.4**	**36, 83, 93** **135, 143, 155, 167** **185, 195, 233**
5	12.5 12.6	Equations of lines and planes Cylinders and quadric surfaces	**2.5** **2.6**	**255, 261, 245, 281, 283, 293** **309, 311, 315, 317, 339**
6		**Review + Midterm Evaluation**		
7	13.1 13.2	Vector functions and space curves Derivatives and integrals of vector functions	**3.1** **3.2**	**3, 30, 36** **51, 53, 57, 101**
8	13.3 13.4	Arc length and curvature of space curve Velocity and acceleration	**3.3** **3.4**	**103, 107, 129, 131, 133** **181, 183, 187**

9	14.1 14.2 14.3	Functions of several variables Limits and continuity Partial derivatives	**4.1** **4.2** **4.3**	**7, 25, 45** **81, 97, 107** **125, 135, 145, 149**
10	14.4 14.5	Tangent planes and linear approximation Chain Rule	**4.4** **4.5**	**175, 181, 199, 204** **237, 243, 257**
11	14.6 14.7	Directional derivatives and gradient vector Maximum and minimum values	**4.6** **4.7**	**273, 303, 307** **339, 345, 347, 349, 357**
12	14.8	Lagrange multipliers	**4.8**	**363, 371, 379**

Final Note: Active participation in classes and continuous work on the course material throughout the term is important for success in this course. Read the course material, practice as many problems as you can, and do the assignments on your own. By assuming responsible behavior (see also the **Academic Integrity and the Academic Code of Conduct** below), you will also achieve a better understanding of the material.

Student Services
You may wish to access the many services available to you as a Concordia student. An overview of these resources can be found here: https://www.concordia.ca/students/services.html

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This course is governed by Concordia University's policies on Academic Integrity and the Academic Code of Conduct as set forth in the Undergraduate Calendar and the Graduate Calendar. Students are expected to familiarize themselves with these policies and conduct themselves accordingly. "Concordia University has several resources available to students to better understand and uphold academic integrity. Concordia's website on academic integrity can be found at the following address, which also includes links to each Faculty and the School of Graduate Studies: https://www.concordia.ca/conduct/academic-integrity.html" *[Undergraduate Calendar, Sec 17.10.2]*

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All individuals participating in courses are expected to be professional and constructive throughout the course, including in their communications.

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