

## SYLLABUS COURSE DESCRIPTION

<b>COURSE TITLE</b>	Mathematical Methods for Experimental Sciences
<b>COURSE CODE</b>	75005
<b>SCIENTIFIC SECTOR</b>	FIS/01
<b>DEGREE</b>	Bachelor in Computer Science and Engineering
<b>SEMESTER</b>	1st Semester
<b>YEAR</b>	2nd
<b>CREDITS</b>	8
<b>TOTAL LECTURING HOURS</b>	48
<b>TOTAL LAB HOURS</b>	24
<b>PREREQUISITES</b>	One-variable calculus (differentiation, integration)
<b>COURSE PAGE</b>	None. Students should refer to their notes taken during lectures and exercise classes, and consult the suggested textbook and readings
<b>SPECIFIC EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of course: "di base" for L-31 and L-08</li> <li>• Scientific area: "formazione matematica-fisica" for L-31 and "fisica e chimica" for L-8</li> </ul> <p>Learning how to tackle problems that require the maximization/minimization of a figure-of-merit function or the solution of differential equations.          Learning the basics of Fourier transform analysis.</p>
<b>LECTURER</b>	<a href="#">Leonardo Ricci</a> , office POS 1.04, <a href="#">Faculty of CS, POS Building, piazza Domenicani 3</a> , <a href="mailto:leonardo.ricci@unibz.it">leonardo.ricci@unibz.it</a>
<b>SCIENTIFIC SECTOR OF THE LECTURER</b>	FIS/01
<b>TEACHING LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>OFFICE HOURS</b>	During the lecture time span, Tuesday, 12.30-13:30, <a href="#">Faculty of CS, POS Building, piazza Domenicani 3</a> , office 1.04
<b>TEACHING ASSISTANT</b>	Same as lecturer

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<b>LIST OF TOPICS COVERED</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Functions of multiple variables: definition and graphs; limits; continuity.</li> <li>• Differential and Taylor formula (for multiple variables): partial differentiation; differentiability and linearization; gradient, differential and directional derivative.</li> <li>• Maxima and Minima: extreme values and saddle points; Hessian matrix.</li> <li>• Function spaces: metric spaces; least-squares approximation of a function by means of polynomials.</li> <li>• Series of functions: periodic functions and Fourier series.</li> <li>• Differential equations: first and second order linear differential equations; ordinary differential equations; partial differential equations.</li> <li>• Systems of differential equations: solution of special cases.</li> <li>• Integration: multiple integration via iterated integrals; change of variables and Jacobian determinant</li> </ul>
<b>TEACHING FORMAT</b>	Frontal lectures, exercises
<b>LEARNING OUTCOMES</b>	<p><b>Knowledge and understanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have a solid knowledge of mathematics that is in support of computer science</li> </ul> <p><b>Applying knowledge and understanding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be able to use the tools of mathematics to solve problems</li> </ul> <p><b>Ability to make judgments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be able to work autonomously according to the own level of knowledge</li> </ul> <p><b>Communication skills</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be able to structure and write scientific documentation</li> </ul> <p><b>Ability to learn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• have developed learning capabilities to pursue further studies with a high degree of autonomy</li> <li>• be able to learn the innovative features of state-of-the-art technologies and information systems</li> </ul>
<b>ASSESSMENT</b>	Written final exam only [100 % of mark].
<b>ASSESSMENT LANGUAGE</b>	English
<b>EVALUATION CRITERIA AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDING MARKS</b>	The exam consists of 4-6 exercise: at least one exercise on differential calculus (see above the first 5 points of the syllabus), one exercise on differential equations and/or systems of differential equations, and one exercise on multiple integration
<b>REQUIRED READINGS</b>	Textbook: R. A. Adams and C. Essex, "Calculus – a complete course" (7 <sup>th</sup> edition), Pearson Canada
<b>SUPPLEMENTARY</b>	Other reading suggestions: excerpts from (for example)

**READINGS**

T. M. Apostol, "Calculus, Vol. 2: Multi-Variable Calculus and Linear Algebra with Applications to Differential Equations and Probability", Wiley  
F. Conti, P. Acquistapace, A. Savojni, "Analisi matematica – Teoria e applicazioni", McGraw-Hill  
W. H. Press, B. P. Flannery, S. A. Teukolsky, W. T. Vetterling, "Numerical Recipes in C: The Art of Scientific Computing" (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1992), Cambridge University Press; available online at [www.nr.com](http://www.nr.com)

**SOFTWARE USED**

Occasionally, *gnuplot* on Linux