

Math Tools for Economists II
ECON 1088-200
Summer 2010

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Time and location: MTWRF 2:30 – 4:05pm @ ECON 117
Textbook: *Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis, 3d edition*, by Knut Sydsæter and Peter Hammond, Prentice Hall, 2008.
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Websites: <https://webfiles.colorado.edu/castrope>
Past exams are available at:
<http://www.colorado.edu/economics/courses/ECON1088/1088home.html>
Student Resources are available at:
<http://www.pearsoned.co.uk/Sydsaeter>

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CONTENT

This class is the second of a two-course sequence, and a continuation of ECON 1078. We will cover two broad topics: derivatives and integrals. These tools will help you better understand the mathematical framework on which economic models are based and help prepare you for more advanced economics courses.

GRADING

Your grade will consist of three exams, a cumulative final exam and homework assignments. All exams are in-class. I will not give any make-up exams and will not give early/late exams. Each portion of your grade will be weighted as follows:

Midterm 1:	25%	Friday, July 16
Midterm 2:	25%	Friday, July 23
Midterm 3:	25%	Friday, July 30
Final Exam:	30%	Friday, August 6
Homework Assignments:	20%	

To make your total grade add up to 100%, I will drop the lowest of the three midterm scores. In addition, I will drop the lowest of the homework grades. **Your grade on the final exam will not be dropped for any reason.**

Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date. I will not accept late assignments for any reason.

GRADING SCALE

93 - 100 %	A	73 - 76 %	C
90 - 92	A-	70 - 72	C-
87 - 89	B+	67 - 69	D+
83 - 86	B	63 - 66	D
80 - 82	B-	60 - 62	D-
77 - 79	C+	Below 60	F

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

This schedule is subject to change. Any changes will be announced in class.

Date	Book	Topics	Homework
6-Jul 7-Jul 8-Jul 9-Jul	Chapter 6	Differentiation	Homework 1
12-Jul 13-Jul 14-Jul 15-Jul 16-Jul	Chapter 7 & Chapter 8	Derivatives in Use Single Variable Optimization Midterm 1	Homework 1 Due Homework 2 Homework 2 Due
19-Jul 20-Jul 21-Jul 22-Jul 23-Jul	Chapter 11	Functions of Many Variables Midterm 2	Homework 3 Homework 3 Due
26-Jul 27-Jul 28-Jul 29-Jul 30-Jul	Chapter 12 & Chapter 13	Tools for Comparative Statics (12.1 - 12.4) Multivariable Optimization (13.1 - 13.2) Midterm 3	Homework 4 Homework 4 Due
2-Aug 3-Aug 4-Aug 5-Aug 6-Aug	Chapter 9	Integration (9.1 - 9.6) Review Final Exam	Homework 5 Homework 5 Due

ADDITIONAL NOTES

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Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records.

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