

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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### 1 ECE 2409 - Fundamentals of MATLAB

#### 2 Meeting Information

2 credits, 3 contact hours Lecture on Mondays and lab on Wednesdays

a. **Section 001:**

Lecture: MW from 03:20 pm to 04:35 pm in Mendel Hall 102., **Mendel Hall 102.**

b. **Section 002:**

Lecture: MW from 03:20 pm to 04:35 pm in Tolentine Hall 215., **Tolentine Hall 215.**

c. **Section 003:**

Lecture: MW from 03:20 pm to 04:35 pm in Vasey Hall 201A., **Vasey Hall 201A.**

#### 3 Course Instructor(s), TA(s)

a. **Section 001:**

Class Instructor: [Edward S. Char](#)  
Office Hours: MW 12:30-2:30, or by appt.

TA(s):  
Krista Slifka [TBD](#)  
Office Hours: TBD, or by appt.

b. **Section 002:**

Class Instructor: [Bijan Mobasseri](#)  
Office Hours: MWF 9:30-10:30, or by appt.

TA(s):  
TBD [TBD](#)  
Office Hours: TBD, or by appt.

c. **Section 003:**

Class Instructor: [Liesl A. Klein](#)  
Office Hours: MW 12-2:30, T 1-2:30 or by appointment, or by appt.

TA(s):  
TBD [TBD](#)  
Office Hours: TBD, or by appt.

#### 4 Textbook

This course does not have a prescribed textbook

a. **Other Supplemental Materials:**

<https://www.mathworks.com/help/matlab/getting-started-with-matlab.html>

## 5 Specific Course Information

### a. Catalog Description

Use of MATLAB, a matrix oriented, high level programming language, for the simulation and modeling of physical systems. Matrix operations, extensive 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional graphing, introduction to MATLAB toolboxes. Lectures are conducted in parallel with hands-on programming and computer simulations. One lecture hour and one laboratory period per week.

b. **Prerequisites:** None; **Co-requisites:** None

c. Required

## 6 Course-specific Goals

a. To learn the elements of matrix-orientated programming by writing vectorized code for numerical analysis, computations and graphics to solve engineering problems that would appear in future courses.

b.

ABET Student Outcomes						
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The above student outcomes are defined by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) as:

1. an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics
3. an ability to communicate effectively with a range of audiences

## 7 List of Covered Topics

1. Matlab Editor and Live Scripting
2. Formatted input/output
3. Arrays, and matrices
4. Indexing, logical arrays and pointers
5. Multidimensional arrays
6. Branching
7. Color control
8. Linear systems of equations
9. 1D and 2D graphics
10. Interpolation regression and curve fitting
11. Character and string arrays

## 8 Tentative Schedule

Tentative schedules for all sections follow. Be sure to refer to the schedule for your specific section, if more than one is provided.

## Tentative Schedule for **All Sections**

Date	Topics	Date	Topics
		August 24	Orientation, Editor, Live Scripting
August 29	Writing formatted I/O, data import/export	August 31	Lab 1
September 5	Labor Day	September 7	Lab 1-continuation
September 12	Arrays and Matrices	September 14	Lab 2
September 19	Logical Arrays and Pointers	September 21	Lab 3
September 26	<b>TEST 1</b>	September 28	Test 1 sol./Lab 3 - cont.
October 3	Branching and flow control	October 5	Lab 4
October 10-14	FALL BREAK		
October 17	Color and multidimensional arrays	October 19	Lab 5
October 24	2D/3D graphics	October 26	Lab 6
October 31	<b>TEST 2</b>	November 2	Test 2 sol./ Lab 6- cont.
November 7	Functions	November 9	Lab 7
November 14	Strings, structures and cell arrays	November 16	Lab 8
November 22	Linear Systems of Equations	November 24	Lab 9
November 29	Interpolation and Curve Fitting	December 1	Lab 10
December 6	Selected Topics	December 8	Selected Topic Lab
December 12	FINAL REVIEW		
December 19	FINAL	8:30-11:00	In Your Classroom

## 9 Grading Policy

Homework: 25%

Test 1:25%

Test 2:25%

Final Exam: 25%

Letter grade scale:

A  $\geq$  93

A- < 93

B+ < 90

B < 87

B- < 83

C+ < 80

C < 77

C- < 73

D+ < 70

D < 67

D- < 63

F < 60

## 10 HW Assignment and Laboratory Report Submission Policy

The labs are due on Fridays at midnight after they are assigned unless specifically stated in the schedule (with a continuation). Late labs will be accepted up to 1 week after the due date with an assessed 35% penalty, unless there are extenuating circumstance. They are to be in PDF format and uploaded to Blackboard. You are allowed to get help from your classmates, but it is expected that the programming be yours.

## 11 Attendance Policy

**Attendance is expected.** Class will follow the university mask [policy](#).

Whenever possible, students should inform the instructor if they plan to be late or absent from class. In all cases, documentation is required to petition for *excused* absences to the Associate Dean for Student and Strategic Programs, Dr. Stephen Jones. The excused absence form is posted at: <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/engineering/resources/undergraduates.html>.

Excused absences do not count towards a failure in the course for first year students. Absence from class does not release the student from assigned work. Students who miss an in-class obligation such as an exam, a presentation, etc., due to an excused absence will not be penalized - the instructor may offer a make-up test, arrange an alternative time for a presentation, exempt a student from the assignment, or provide another arrangement. In the case of illness or injury, the form must be submitted within 24 hours of missing a class. The University's list of excused absences for all students includes the following:

1. Participation in NCAA athletic competitions
2. Participation in special academic events such as: conferences, field trips, project competitions, etc., and in official university business such as student representatives attending meetings related to university governance
3. Attendance at significant events of the immediate family such as: funerals, weddings, etc.
4. Religious holidays - see the University's policy on Religious Holidays
5. College-approved participation in placement activities such as: job interviews, graduate school interviews, job fairs
6. Legally required absence such as: jury duty, court appearance, short-term military service
7. Documented serious illness or disability

## 12 Examination Policy

The College of Engineering has adopted the following general examination guidelines:

1. Students must arrive before the start of the examination. Under exceptional circumstances a student may need to arrive late, but he/she can enter the examination room no later than five (5) minutes after the start of the exam.
2. Cell phones must be turned off until the student exits the examination room.
3. The official Villanova class attendance policy must be followed when requesting excuses for absences or lateness to an examination.
4. Each student must write and sign the following statement, "I have neither given nor received any unauthorized assistance in the completion of this examination."
5. For online examinations, the instructor may implement video proctoring or other measures to ensure academic integrity. For consent purposes, the instructor will inform students in

advance if (s)he plans to use any form of video-proctoring and whether the examination will be recorded.

### **13 Academic Integrity Policy**

The College of Engineering is committed to creating an environment of academic integrity and ethical decision-making that we hope is reflected in the actions of our students and graduates. As Villanova students, integrity is central to the University mission. As engineers, our code of conduct requires us to place honor and integrity at the forefront of everything we do. As engineering students, it is expected that you will begin to adopt these values and instill them into your work habits. Students violating the academic integrity policy will receive a zero on that assignment or exam and the violation will be reported to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. The University's academic integrity policy can be found on the following web page:

<https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/resources/student/policies/integrity.html>.

### **14 Adherence to the Student Code of Conduct**

Students are expected to act in a professional and respectful manner to their fellow students, faculty, and staff. Students should become acquainted with and understand the responsibilities set forth in the Student Handbook, especially those in the sections on Policy and Regulations. Adherence to university regulations is expected and required for successful completion of the program of studies. Enforcement within the classroom of policies regarding classroom behavior is the responsibility of the faculty member. All other discipline problems are to be referred to the Dean of Students.

### **15 Inclusive Classroom**

This classroom is a place where you will be treated with respect; we welcome individuals of all ages, backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, gender, gender identities and expressions, sexual orientation, and other visible and non-visible differences. All members of this class are expected to contribute to a respectful, welcoming, and inclusive environment to allow all among us to learn and flourish.

### **16 Students with Disabilities**

It is the policy of the university to make reasonable academic accommodations for qualified individuals with disabilities. If you are a person with a disability (non-physical) please register with the office of Learning Support Services (LSS) by emailing [Learning.support.services@villanova.edu](mailto:Learning.support.services@villanova.edu) or by phoning 610-519-5176 as soon as possible. Registration is *required* in order to receive accommodations.

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) collaborates with students, faculty, staff, and community members to create diverse learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive and sustainable. The ODS provides Villanova University students with physical disabilities the necessary support to successfully complete their education and participate in activities available to all students. If you have a diagnosed disability and plan to utilize academic accommodations, please contact and register with Gregory Hannah, advisor to students with disabilities at 610-519-3209 or visit the office on the second floor of the Connelly Center.

## 17 Tutoring Services

Villanova's tutoring services include The Writing Center, The Learner's Studio, and The Center for Speaking and Presentation. These services are offered free of charge to students. Drop in as-needed or book a regular weekly session to supercharge your academic success. Sessions can be 30 or 60 minutes in length.

Register for an account and book sessions in advance at [villanova.mywconline.com](http://villanova.mywconline.com). If you don't see your class listed, request a tutor for a missing subject at: [tutorrequest.villanova.edu](mailto:tutorrequest.villanova.edu) For more information, contact Juliana Struder at [juliana.studer@villanova.edu](mailto:juliana.studer@villanova.edu) or at 610-519-5862.

## 18 Online Expectations

Some or all sessions of this class may be recorded for educational purposes and for later playback. In order to foster a professional environment, please wear appropriate clothes and refrain from eating. If attending online, mute your microphone if you are not talking to cut down on background noise and select an appropriate setting for online class meetings. You may turn off your webcam for privacy reasons unless explicitly instructed not to do so by the instructor (such as during the conduct of online examinations).

## 19 Electronics Policy

The use of electronic devices, such as phones, laptops, tablets, calculators, etc., during class is generally allowed, unless their use causes a disturbance to others. During examinations, the use of any electronic device is prohibited, unless it is expressly authorized by the instructor.

Students are prohibited from making any audio or visual recordings (including taking photographs) of lectures, discussions, or other classroom activities, unless a student (1) has written permission in advance from the instructor, or (2) is permitted to record under terms and conditions as approved by the University's Office of Disability Services or Learning Support Services. Students who have received approval to record classes as an academic accommodation must provide supporting documentation from the Office of Disability Services or Learning Support Services in advance of any recording. Students may use authorized recordings only for the purposes of individual study in the course, and may not disseminate or share them with a wider audience without explicit permission.

## 20 Copyright Policy

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## 21 Professorial Duties

It is important to note that teaching is one of the many duties that professors perform as part of their job responsibilities. In addition to teaching, professors perform research, advise graduate students, edit journals and review journal articles, serve on committees for the university and professional societies, travel to conferences to remain abreast of current developments and to present their results... to name just a few commitments.