MAP 4484/5489 Mathematical Modeling in Biology

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- **Announcements**: Office hours have been moved to MW4.
- **Prerequisites**: MAP 2302 (grade C or better).
- **Time and Room**: MW 6 (12:50 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.), LIT 125.
- **Final Exam Time and Room**: TBA.
- **Literature**:
  - Mathematical Physiology I and II (used to be 1 book as well), J.P. Keener and J. Sneyd, Springer 2009.
- **Critical dates**: Jan. 4 (classes begin), Apr. 19 (classes end). Midterms: TBA.
- **Holidays**: Jan. 16 (MLK Day), Mar. 4 - Mar. 11 (Spring Break).
- **Office Hours**: MW4 (10:40 – 1:10 p.m.) or by appointment. Please, call me at 352-294-2326 or use e-mail: pilyugin@ufl.edu for communication. For more details, see my schedule.
- **Description and Objectives of the Course**:

MAP 4484/5489 is an introduction to modeling methods used in mathematical biology. It is neither a biology course nor a mathematics course. No knowledge of biology, and only basic knowledge in differential equations is required, although familiarity with linear algebra is recommended (in particular with matrices, eigenvalues and eigenvectors).

**Weekly Schedule**:

**W1**: Basic modeling concepts;
**W2-3**: Population models in discrete and continuous time: Malthusian and logistic growth;
**W4**: Bioreactors and competitive exclusion;
**W5**: Competition, mutualism and predator-prey models;
**W6**: Infectious diseases: SIS, SIR, disease control;
**W7**: Biochemical kinetics: activation/inhibition and cooperation;
**W8-10**: Partial differential equation models: age structured models and reaction diffusion equations;
**W11-12**: Stochastic models: Markov processes, linear and nonlinear birth-death processes, branching processes;
**W13**: Introduction to cellular automata;
**W14**: Introduction to game theory.

**Grading System**:
Two midterms will be given. The dates of the midterms will be announced at least a week in advance. Midterms will be closed book, scientific calculators allowed.
Three homework problem sets will be collected and graded. Some homeworks may require elementary computer skills (using such computer algebra systems as MATLAB, Mathematica, Maple).
A student may opt to take the cumulative final exam to replace the lowest midterm grade. The final exam may not be used to replace any of the homework grades.
Individual grades will be determined as follows. All midterms and homeworks will be graded on a 0-100 point scale. Each midterm is worth 27.5% of the total score, and each homework solution set is worth 15% of the total score. The resulting score (0 – 100 %) determines the letter grade according to the following table:

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**Course policies**:
- **Policy related to make-up exams or other work**: There will be no opportunities to make up for work not submitted. However, if a student provides a legitimate excuse with in advance, scores will be posted. Work with due date should be turned in at the beginning of class on the stated due date. Late work will not be accepted and will be deemed work not submitted.
- **Policy on class attendance**: Requirements for class attendance and make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies that can be found in the online catalog at: https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/attendance.aspx.
- **University’s honesty policy**: UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code.” On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment” The Honor Code (http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/student-conduct-honor-code/) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.
- **For students with disabilities**: Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation.
- **Students’ evaluations of the course**: Students are expected to provide feedback on the quality of instruction in this course based on 10 criteria. These evaluations are conducted online at https://evaluations.ufl.edu.
Evaluations are typically open during the last two or three weeks of the semester, but students will be given specific times when they are open. Summary results of these assessments are available to students at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.

**Disclaimer:** I reserve the right to change the above policies if situations warrant.

**Homeworks:**

Homework Problem Set 1 (due TBA): 2.4.2, 2.4.5–6, 2.4.8, 2.4.10–11, 2.4.13, 2.4.16, 2.4.19, MAP4484hw1
Homework Problem Set 3 (due TBA): 4.5.1, 4.5.5, 4.5.7.

Review for Test 1
Review for Test 2