The University of Southern Queensland

Course specification

Description: Mathematics Tertiary Preparation Program Level C

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Academic group: OPACS
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Student contribution band: 2
ASCED code: 010199

STAFFING
Examiner: Peter Van Vuuren
Moderator: Janet Taylor

REQUISITES
Pre-requisite: TPP7182

RATIONALE
Students who intend to enrol in Science (other than Psychology and Mathematics), Bachelor of Technology, Engineering, Surveying, Bachelor of Information Technology (Applied Computer Science, Networking, Software Engineering and Associate Degrees of Engineering, Surveying, Mathematics and Computing, will be required to complete this course. This preparatory mathematics course is designed to provide students with the basic mathematical competencies for these tertiary studies.

SYNOPSIS
Using the concepts of self-paced instruction and mastery learning, the course guides students through a carefully sequenced series of topics which will provide the foundation for understanding the mathematics that will be encountered in their tertiary study. The self-paced structure of the course allows students to work through the material at a pace suitable to their needs, permitting them to work quickly through familiar material, as well as allowing the opportunity to seek additional assistance in areas of uncertainty. The mastery approach will ensure that they successfully achieve the objectives of each topic before progressing to the next topic, which will build further on the earlier material.

OBJECTIVES
On successful completion of this course students should be able to:
1. demonstrate the application of higher order thinking skills necessary for the successful learning of mathematics at a higher level;
2. demonstrate ability to interpret and solve complex mathematical problems within the topics of this course;
3. demonstrate improved problem solving skills in mathematics using technology;
4. demonstrate ability to think independently in relating mathematical perspectives to the real world;
5. effectively communicate solutions to a range of problems.

**TOPICS**

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<td>7. Total change - An Introduction to Integral Calculus</td>
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**TEXT and MATERIALS required to be PURCHASED or ACCESSED:**

ALL textbooks and materials are available for purchase from USQ BOOKSHOP (unless otherwise stated). Orders may be placed via secure internet, free fax 1800642453, phone 07 46312742 (within Australia), or mail. Overseas students should fax +61 7 46311743, or phone +61 7 46312742. For costs, further details, and internet ordering, use the 'Textbook Search' facility at http://bookshop.usq.edu.au click 'Semester', then enter your 'Course Code' (no spaces).

Students will need to acquire a non-programmable scientific calculator. Student will need access to a computer. All study materials are supplied as part of the course.

**REFERENCE MATERIALS:**
Reference materials are materials that, if accessed by students, may improve their knowledge and understanding of the material in the course and enrich their learning experience.

### ASSESSMENT DETAILS

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**NOTES:**
1. Examination date will be available during semester. Please refer to the examination timetable when published.

### IMPORTANT ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

1. **Attendance requirements:**
   There are no attendance requirements for this course. However, it is the students' responsibility to study all material provided to them or required to be accessed by them to maximise their chance of meeting the objectives of the course and to be informed of course-related activities and administration.

2. **Requirements for students to complete each assessment item satisfactorily:**
   To complete each of the assessments satisfactorily, students must normally obtain at least 50% of the marks available for each assessment. Students may be required to re-submit an assignment or complete extra work for each assignment that is unsatisfactory. All assignments, extra work and re-submissions must be received prior to the exam period for the semester in which the course is offered.

3. **Penalties for late submission of required work:**
   If students submit assignments after the due date without prior approval then a penalty of 5% of the total marks gained by the student for the assignment may apply for each working day late.

4. **Requirements for student to be awarded a passing grade in the course:**
   To be assured of receiving a passing grade a student must attempt all of the summative assessment items, achieve at least 50% in the examination, achieve an aggregated mark of at least 50% in the total marks allocated for the assignments, and at least 50% of the available weighted marks for the summative assessment.
items. Students who do not qualify for a Passing grade may, at the discretion of
the Examiner, be awarded a Supplementary Examination and/or assigned additional
work to demonstrate to the Examiner that they have achieved the required standard.
It is expected that such students have gained at least 40% of the total marks available
for all summative assessment items.

5 Method used to combine assessment results to attain final grade:
The final grades for students will be assigned on the basis of the weighted aggregate
of the marks obtained for each of the summative assessment items in the course.

6 Examination information:
Examinations in this course are restricted examinations. In a Restricted Examination,
candidates are allowed access to specific materials during the examination. The
only materials that candidates may use in the restricted examination for this course
are: writing materials (non-electronic and free from material which could give the
student an unfair advantage in the examination); calculators which cannot hold
textual information (students must indicate on their examination paper the make
and model of any calculator(s) they use during the examination; 1 A4 page of hand
written or typed notes (written on both sides); English translation dictionaries (but
not technical dictionaries).

7 Examination period when Deferred/Supplementary examinations will be held:
Any Deferred or Supplementary examinations for this course will be held during
the next examination period.

8 University Regulations:
Students should read USQ Regulations 5.1 Definitions, 5.6. Assessment, and 5.10
Academic Misconduct for further information and to avoid actions which might
contravene University Regulations. These regulations can be found at the URL
http://www.usq.edu.au/corporateservices/calendar/part5.htm or in the current USQ
Handbook.

ASSESSMENT NOTES

1 Students must retain a copy of each item submitted for assessment. This must be
produced within five days if required by the Examiner.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1 The time it will take to complete this mathematics course will vary and will depend
on the student's background and experiences; times indicated above are a guideline
only.