

School of Economics and Finance

## **QUAN 111 MATHEMATICS FOR ECONOMICS AND FINANCE**

Trimester Two 2011

### **COURSE OUTLINE**

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#### **Trimester Dates**

Teaching Period: Monday 11 July – Friday 14 October

Study Period: Monday 17 October – Thursday 20 October

Examination Period: Friday 21 October – Saturday 12 November (inclusive)

#### **Withdrawal from Course**

1. Your fees will be refunded if you withdraw from this course on or before 22 July 2011.
2. The standard last date for withdrawal from this course is Friday 23 September. After this date, students forced to withdraw by circumstances beyond their control must apply for permission on an *'Application for Associate Dean's Permission to Withdraw Late'* including supporting documentation

The application form is available from either of the Faculty's Student Customer Service Desks.

## **Class Times and Room Numbers**

### **Lectures**

(CRN 6469) Tue, Thu 1:10 – 2:00pm KKLT 303  
(CRN 6107) Tue, Thu 3:10 – 4:00am MCLT 101

### **Tutorials**

Besides the lectures, a total of eight 50-minute tutorials will be offered during the trimester according to the schedule appended to this outline. The available tutorial times and the signing in procedure will be notified through our course pages in the VUW website called 'Blackboard': <http://www.blackboard.vuw.ac.nz>

### **Course Content**

A brief outline of the course content, including an indicative schedule for the order of coverage, appears at the end of this course outline.

### **Course Learning Objectives (CLOs)**

By the end of this course, students should be able to

- 1 carry out mathematical operations on numbers, sets and functions
- 2 calculate rates of change using derivatives of functions
- 3 find derivatives of functions of a single variable
- 4 apply one-variable differentiation (derivatives, product and quotient rules, chain rule, second-order derivatives) to obtain local and global maxima and minima
- 5 integrate a rate of change function to recover the function in levels
- 6 employ partial differentiation to maximise or minimise functions of two or more variables
- 7 represent variables as vectors and assess their linear dependence
- 8 implement data operations using matrices
- 9 solve linear equation systems using matrices, their determinants and inverses

### **Course Delivery**

The course is delivered by two weekly lectures and a total of eight tutorials during the trimester. Each tutorial is a small-group interactive problem solving session, usually covering the prior lecture material.

### **Expected Workload**

You should expect to spend 2 hours in lectures per week, 8 hours in tutorials during the trimester, and about 10 hours per week reading, studying and completing assignments.

### **Readings**

All students should have a copy of the textbook:

Penelope de Boer and Mohammed Khaled, *Mathematics for Business and Economics*, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2007, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

This book contains detailed notes on all of the topics covered in the course; no other textbook is necessary. The Lecture Schedule gives references to the textbook. Here are some optional alternative texts that you could consult. The books are ordered in increasing levels of advancement.

Ian Jacques, *Mathematics for Economics and Business*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., FT-Prentice-Hall, 2006.

Michael Hoy et al., *Mathematics for Economics*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., The MIT Press, 2001.

Knut Sydsaeter and Peter Hammond, *Essential Mathematics for Economic Analysis*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., FT-Prentice-Hall, 2006.

## **Materials and Equipment**

You must have a calculator that evaluates powers and logs. The recommended model is a modern Casio fx-82. Calculators will be essential for the test and final exam, however they must be silent in operation and have their own power source.

## **Assessment Requirements**

Your performance will be evaluated on the basis of:

40% two 50-minute tests (CLO 1-5) and 60% 2-hour final exam (CLO 1-8), OR  
100% 2-hour final exam (CLO 1-8), whichever is the higher.

Test 1 is held in week 5 (11 August), test2 in week 10 (28 Sep) and the final exam in the examination period at the end of the trimester; exact times and rooms for the tests are to be announced later on the Blackboard website for the course.

If you are not able to sit the tests for any reason, the weight for the missed items will be added to that for the final exam, e.g. test 20% and exam 80%, if only one test is missed. We reserve the right to scale results if necessary to preserve comparability with other years.

A total of four assignments will also be due (by 3pm on a Monday) according to the appended schedule. You should use them as an indicator of your progress and performance. Since aegrotat decisions must be based on internal assessment prior to the final exam, it is important to have this evidence available by completing all assignments and the tests as best as you can, *in case you need to apply for an aegrotat pass*.

Assignments should be placed in the appropriate box (by tutor's name), located on Level 2 of Murphy. Do not give them to lecturers or tutors. Assignments will be graded either 0, 1 or 2. A zero grade is given for unsatisfactory work, a one is given for satisfactory work and a two is given for exceptional work. It is expected that most students will score a 1 for each assignment. Since the marks are indicative rather than quantitative, there is no need for a provision for remarking. Marks will be displayed weekly on Blackboard.

## Quality Assurance Note

Your assessed work may also be used for quality assurance purposes, such as to assess the level of achievement of learning objectives as required for accreditation and audit purposes. The findings may be used to inform changes aimed at improving the quality of FCA programmes. All material used for such processes will be treated as confidential, and the outcome will not affect your grade for the course.

## **Examinations**

Students who enrol in courses with examinations are obliged to attend an examination at the University at any time during the formal examination period.

The final examination for this course will be scheduled at some time during the period from Friday 21 October – Saturday 12 November.

## **Mandatory Course Requirements**

None.

## **Class Representative**

A class representative will be elected in the first class, and that person's name and contact details made available to VUWSA, the Course Coordinator and the class. The class representative provides a communication channel to liaise with the Course Coordinator on behalf of students.

## Communication of Additional Information

Additional information will be conveyed to students via Blackboard. Sometimes you will also be sent emails. These will be sent to the address that you supplied with your enrolment unless you advise otherwise.

**For the following important information follow the links provided:**

### Academic Integrity and Plagiarism

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/plagiarism.aspx>

### General University Policies and Statutes

Find key dates, explanations of grades and other useful information at

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study)

Find out about academic progress and restricted enrolment at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/academic-progress.aspx>

The University's statutes and policies are available at [www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about/policy), except qualification statutes, which are available via the Calendar webpage at

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/study/calendar.aspx> (See Section C).

Further information about the University's academic processes can be found on the website of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at

[www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/default.aspx)

### AVC (Academic) Website: information including: Conduct, Academic Grievances, Students with Impairments, Student Support

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about\\_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/home/about_victoria/avcacademic/Publications.aspx)

### Faculty of Commerce and Administration Offices

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/fca/studenthelp/>

### Te Putahi Atawhai

#### Maori and Pacific Mentoring Programme

[http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st\\_services/tpa/index.aspx](http://www.victoria.ac.nz/st_services/tpa/index.aspx)

## LECTURE SCHEDULE

(Page numbers refer to the text, "Mathematics for Business and Economics" 2<sup>nd</sup> edn.)

### Week 1 - Enrol in a Tutorial this week

	Pages
L.1 Numbers, Number Operations, Simplifying Expressions.	(1-16)
L.2 Inequalities, Absolute Values, Powers.	(16-22)

### Week 2 - Tutorial 1

L.3 Solving Equalities and Inequalities, Simultaneous Equations.	(22-30)
L.4 Sum and Product notations, Set Theory.	(31-48, 49-55, 58-62)

### Week 3 - Tutorial 2

L.5 Functions, Graphing Functions, Inverse Functions.	(63-66, 69-81)
L.6 Logarithmic and Exponential Functions, Composite Functions.	(81-100)

**Week 4 - Tutorial 3 - Ass. 1 due**

- L.7 Derivatives. Differentiation using Rules. (101-107)  
L.8 Further Differentiation Methods. (108-111)

**Week 5 - TEST 1 (11 August, covers weeks 1-4 topics, rooms to be announced)**

- L.9 Application of derivatives: Elasticities. Higher Derivatives. (111-115)  
L.10 Concave functions, Graphs using derivatives, Maxima and Minima. (117, 120-126)

**Week 6 - Tutorial 4 - Ass. 2 due**

- L.11 More on Maxima and Minima, Applications. (128-129)  
L.12 Integration. (130-135, 138-164)

**Week 7**

- L.13 Partial Differentiation. (165-170)  
L.14 Total Derivatives. (170-174)

**Week 8 - Tutorial 5 - Ass. 3 due**

- L.15 Optimizing Functions of Two Variables. (176-181)  
L.16 Constrained Optimisation. (181-195)

**Week 9 - Tutorial 6**

- L.17 Geometric Progressions, Compound Interest. (196-203)  
L.18 Discounting, Present Values. (203-206, 209-215, 223-230)

**Week 10 - TEST 2 (28 September, covers weeks 5-8 topics, rooms to be announced)**

- L.19 Vectors. Inner Products. (235-238)  
L.20 Orthogonal Vectors. Linear Dependence. (238-244)

**Week 11 - Tutorial 7 - Ass. 4 due**

- L.21 Matrices. (244-250)  
L.22 Determinants. (250-257)

**Week 12 - Tutorial 8**

- L.23 Inverting Matrices. (257-259)  
L.24 Solving Linear Equation Systems. (261-267, 275-288)

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