

# MATLAB for Engineers with Applications

## ME 1311-02 – Summer 2016

### Instructor

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### Course Description

#### Catalog Description

This course provides an introduction to fundamental computing principles and programming concepts. Students use the high-level programming language MATLAB to develop and implement programs to solve engineering problems. Basic programming concepts covered include: algorithm design, data types, flow control, functions, sorting, plotting, simulation, and numerical methods.

#### Course Details

Term: Summer 2016

Course name: MATLAB for Engineering with Applications

Course number: ME 1311

Section number: 2

CRN: 50927

Meeting times: Tuesday/Thursday 11:00 am – 1:45 pm

Room number: Q-303

#### Course Objectives

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

- Introduce vectors and matrices in MATLAB
- Apply basic concepts of linear algebra for vector and matrix operations
- Perform 2D and 3D plotting
- Write conditional statements and loops
- Write scripts and functions in MATLAB
- Solve some engineering problems using MATLAB
- Apply the fundamental knowledge of mathematics, science, and engineering to solve real mechanical engineering problems



## Textbook

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Required online resource: *Programming in MATLAB*, zyBooks.com, enter code KennesawME1311McFallFall2016 and click subscribe, cost: \$57

Recommended textbook: *Solving Mechanical Engineering Problems with MATLAB*, S. Nasser, Linis Learning, 2015, ISBN 978-1-60797-524-3.

Additional resource: [An Introduction to MATLAB](#)<sup>1</sup> by Krister Ahlersten

## Technical Requirements

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A working version of MATLAB, [available free of charge for KSU students](#)<sup>2</sup>, is absolutely key to success in this course.

## Grading Policy

Homework	20%
Test 01	20%
Test 02	20%
Case studies	20%
Final exam	20%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Grade Conversion:** A: (90-100), B: (80-89), C: (70-79), D: (60-69), F: (0-59)

## Homework

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Programming assignments will be collected which can be completed individually or in groups of two. Source code will be submitted in a D2L Dropbox with filenames beginning with “HW” followed by 2 digits for the homework number, followed by the last name(s) of the student(s). Homework written in MATLAB will be submitted as a single .m file with the filename as described. Only a single submission for groups of two is required and must be uploaded by the beginning of class on the due date. When executed, the program will output to the screen the problem numbers and answers.

- Submission requirements satisfied (1 point)
- Significant progress made toward solution (1 point)
- Correct output generated (1 point)
- All elements of problem description properly addressed (1 point)

## Tests

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Two in-class tests will be administered where students have access to internet-connected computers to compile and execute programs. Test grades may be curved in an attempt to maintain the class average in the C range. No assistance from any human may be solicited during the test period. Source code solving each problem will be uploaded to a

<sup>1</sup> <http://bookboon.com/en/an-introduction-to-matlab-ebook>

<sup>2</sup> [https://apps.kennesaw.edu/files/pr\\_app\\_uni\\_cdoc/doc/Matlab\\_DownloadInstructions.pdf](https://apps.kennesaw.edu/files/pr_app_uni_cdoc/doc/Matlab_DownloadInstructions.pdf)

D2L Dropbox before the end of the test in the same manner as homework but with “HW” replaced with “Test” in the file name. Problems will be graded according to the following rubric:

0	Little or no content relevant to solving the problem
30 (F)	Some relevant content but no indication of how to solve the problem
60 (D)	Some indication that the correct solution method is being followed
70 (C)	Significant work showing understanding of how to approach the problem
80 (B)	Primary solution details are complete but significant mistakes are made
90 (A)	Correct solution except for minor mistakes such as sign or algebra errors
100	Problem is answered completely with the correct answer

## Case Studies

Two case studies exploring real engineering problems will be completed in teams of two members. Each study will be broken into small tasks building toward the final result. Code will be submitted in a D2L dropbox in the same manner as homework but with “CS” replacing “HW” in the filename.

## Final Exam

A cumulative final exam will follow the same format as the tests with “Final” in the submitted filename.

## Course Outline

Date	Topic	zyBook	Due
Jun 02	MATLAB environment and variables	1-2, 6.1	
Jun 07	Vectors and matrices	3-9, 10.6, 10.11	
Jun 09	Decision structures	11	HW01
Jun 14	Looping structures	12	
Jun 16	Recitation		
Jun 21	Review – Test 01		HW02
Jun 23	3D plotting	10.7-10.10	
Jun 28	Curve fitting	6.13-6.14	HW03
Jun 30	Matrix operations	9.10	
Jul 05	Numerical integration and differentiation	6.5-6.6	HW04
Jul 07	User defined functions – recitation	13	
Jul 12	Review – Test 02 – Case study 01		HW05
Jul 14	Case study 01		
Jul 19	Case study 01 – Case study 02		
Jul 21	Case study 02		CS01
Jul ??	Final Exam		CS02

I will not be on campus June 28 and July 14. Students are not expected to attend class these days, but recordings and/or exercise problems will be made available.

## Course Expectations

### Attendance Policy

Forcing everyone to come to every class is not practical. Each student bears responsibility for material covered in class. If students choose to miss class, that is their decision. Class time will be spent explaining the day's content and working problems, under the assumption that all students have read and attempted to understand the reading assignment. In general, late assignments are not accepted nor can make-up tests be administered. Extenuating circumstances can result in exceptions to these rules, but agreement must be reached with the instructor in advance of the assignment or test that will be missed.

### Course Communication

Course material will be disseminated in D2L including lecture notes, homework solutions, etc. All official course announcements, including instructions when class may be cancelled, will be posted in the D2L course news. Be sure to check D2L regularly.

## Help Resources

### Contacts to get Help

Student Help Desk [studenthelpdesk@kennesaw.edu](mailto:studenthelpdesk@kennesaw.edu) or call 470.578.3555  
[KSU Service Desk](#)<sup>3</sup>  
[D2L Student User's Guide](#)<sup>4</sup>

### Additional Resources

[Remote access to Library Resources](#)<sup>5</sup>  
[Student success Services](#)<sup>6</sup>  
[Tutoring and Academic Support](#)<sup>7</sup>  
[Academic Advising](#)<sup>8</sup>  
[University bookstore](#)<sup>9</sup>

<sup>3</sup> [https://apps.kennesaw.edu/portal/prod/app\\_its\\_ask\\_stu\\_publ/student/](https://apps.kennesaw.edu/portal/prod/app_its_ask_stu_publ/student/)

<sup>4</sup> [https://apps.kennesaw.edu/files/pr\\_app\\_uni\\_cdoc/doc/D2LBrightspaceStudentguide\\_10.3.pdf](https://apps.kennesaw.edu/files/pr_app_uni_cdoc/doc/D2LBrightspaceStudentguide_10.3.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> <http://library.kennesaw.edu/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.kennesaw.edu/studentssuccessservices/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://learnonline.kennesaw.edu/student-resources/tutoring.php>

<sup>8</sup> <http://advising.kennesaw.edu/>

<sup>9</sup> <http://bookstore.kennesaw.edu/home.aspx>

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No student shall receive, attempt to receive, knowingly give or attempt to give unauthorized assistance in the preparation of any work required to be submitted for credit as part of a course (including examinations, laboratory reports, essays, themes, term papers, etc.). When direct quotations are used, they should be indicated, and when the ideas, theories, data, figures, graphs, programs, electronic based information or illustrations of someone other than the student are incorporated into a paper or used in a project, they should be duly acknowledged.

Collaboration on assignments among students and other individuals is wholeheartedly encouraged. In order to avoid possible plagiarism issues, limit such collaboration to discussion of how to approach the problem and what strategies, equations, and techniques should be used to solve it. When actually writing down your solution, ensure you are not in the same room as outside collaborators nor referencing a copy of their work. Your solution will then be written in your own words and therefore not plagiarized.

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- medical and/or psychological certification of disability,
- eligibility for services by outside agencies, and
- ability to complete tasks required in courses.

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