

Modeling II, Spring, 2004

Syllabus

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OFFICE: Olin 234

OFFICE HOURS: 10AM Mon, Tues, Thur

Feel free to schedule an alternative time to meet if you can't make these hours. Otherwise, if my door is open, feel free to come in. You can also email me anytime.

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1. **Text:** "Introduction to Empirical Modeling", in progress. The course notes will be distributed as we go.
2. **Technology:** We'll be using Matlab extensively. We'll have some sporadic "Lab Days" where we'll meet in the computer lab to talk about Matlab specifics.
3. **Grading Criteria.**
 - (a) **QUIZZES:** We will have a short daily quiz during the first five minutes of class, covering something from the previous day's material. They will mostly be definitions, a Matlab command, or a short computation. Daily quizzes will comprise 10% of the overall grade, and you may drop two of them.
 - (b) **HOMEWORK:** The assigned homework will account for 20% of the overall grade.
 - (c) **EXAMS:** We will have two midterms and a Final, they will all be weighed equally, and will take 70% of the overall grade. Some of these may have a take home (Matlab) component. A final project may take the place of the final exam. More on this later.

GRADING: Grading is done on a standard scale:

90-100%=A, 80-89%=B, 70-79%=C, 60-69%=D, 59 and below=F

I will use the plus/minus grading only sparingly in those borderline cases.

4. **Help!** I encourage you to come see me. If you can't make it during office hours, either email me if you have short questions, or make an appointment.
5. **Academic Honesty.** Academic standards will be *strictly* adhered to as outlined in the College's policies. This means that cheating will not be tolerated. Looking at another student's exam or quiz (whether or not you

mean to copy answers) while taking it will be considered cheating. *Please don't test this policy!* Students caught cheating for the first time will fail the exam or quiz during which the cheating took place, and the Dean of Students will be notified. Continuation of this behavior will lead to an automatic failing grade for the course, and may include other administrative action.

6. If you have a learning disability, please let me know as soon as possible so that we can make alternative assessment methods. Please do not wait until the day of the exam!