

Math 400 - Complex Analysis

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Basic Info:

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Text: *A First Course in Complex Analysis With Applications.*, 2nd Ed.
by Zill and Shanahan (ISBN: 978-0-7637-5772-4)



Course Goals: This is an introduction to complex analysis for mathematicians, scientists and engineers. The course is centered around building calculus for complex valued functions. After completing this course students should be able to:

- Understand both algebraic and geometric properties of complex numbers.
- Graphically represent complex valued functions.
- Limits: Compute limits of complex functions and study continuity.
- Derivatives: Compute the derivative of a complex function at a point, use the Cauchy-Riemann equations, and understand the concept of a function being analytic.
- Integrals: Use a variety of techniques to evaluate complex integrals.
- Find and use Taylor/Laurent series representations of a complex function.
- Apply the course techniques to solve real world problems.

Technology: A graphing calculator may be used in this course. You must have your own calculator.

Grade Distribution: Your final grade will be determined as follows:

Homework, Worksheets, etc.	40%
Quizzes	10%
Tests	20%
Comprehensive Final Exam	30%

You also have the opportunity to earn participation points which will be added to your course score. You can earn these points by answering questions, asking relevant questions, etc. Coming to class is expected and will not get you these participation points alone. I would like everyone to be a part of the classroom discussions.

Borderline cases of grades can be adjusted up or down based on your attendance, class participation, homework, and trend (patterns in the grades as the semester progresses, for example, steady improvement is good, but a weak final exam is bad).

Grade Conversion:

A	93–100	C	73–76
A–	90–92	C–	70–72
B+	87–89	D+	67–69
B	83–86	D	63–66
B–	80–82	F	0–62
C+	77–79		

Homework: Homework problems will be assigned daily/weekly and will be collected on exam days. You must bring all of your homework to every lecture (see quizzes below). Please make sure your homework is *neat* (legible, not torn out of a spiral bound notebook, etc.) and *stapled* when you turn it in. It is *very* important that you keep working on problems throughout the course. There is an old saying that “math is not a spectator sport” and there is definitely a lot of truth to this. I recommend working on your own and also with other classmates (but make sure you are turning in your own work). If you are working on a problem and get stuck, make a note of it and remember to *ask questions*. I encourage *everyone* to come to office hours.

Other than assigned problems you should be reading the text every day and keeping up with the pace of the course. Keep in mind that it your responsibility to read each chapter before an exam.

Quizzes: There will at least one quiz each week. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced. Quizzes will usually cover lecture material and homework problems. The questions may even be taken directly from the homework set, or minor perturbations of the homework problems. Also, there will be homework quizzes where you will just copy exactly what your have written as a homework solution. These will be 5 minute quizzes of just copying. You may not look at the problem in the text or have a sheet with the problems written on them. This will hopefully give you even more encouragement to do the homework. There will be no make up quizzes.

Class Work: Occasionally worksheets, lab projects and other classwork will be assigned. Generally these assignments will carry the same weight as a homework or quiz for the course.

Tests: There will be 4 tests during the semester. The tentative tests dates are as follows:

- Test 1 March 1.
- Test 2 April 26.

Please see the course website for more details. Tests will be more challenging than the quizzes so you need to study accordingly. However doing the homework and reviewing

the quizzes is the best way to prepare yourself.

Quiz/Test/Final Exam Policy: Only your approved calculator may be used (when allowed). Hence, no cell phones, computers, mp3 players, slide rules, abaci, Addiators, Napier's bones, Difference/Analytical Engines, Pascalinas, Antikythera mechanisms, etc. may be used. In other words I want you to only use your brain, calculator and the hard work you put into this course to earn your grade. You may not talk to each other in the classroom while other students are working, even if you are done. Please keep your eyes on your own paper. Do not look at notes, books, etc. while working. Work through the problem on your own and you will do fine (and save us both a lot of trouble).

Cheating and Academic Dishonesty: Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. It is disrespectful to the University, your classmates and to me. Any form of academic dishonesty will be dealt with severely. Alfred University's policies on Academic Dishonesty (Unethical Practices) (see Policy 700) can be found at http://my.alfred.edu/index.cfm/fuseaction/academic_policies.academic_regulation_ug.cfm.

Attendance Policy: You are expected to attend and be a part of every class meeting. I will keep a record of your attendance, participation and preparation. I will allow a maximum of three unexcused absences without penalty. Excessive absences will noticeably affect your final grade. This course will move rather quickly so I suggest you only miss class for a good reason (meaning an excused absence). If you must miss a class it is your responsibility to learn the missed material quickly to keep up with the course.

Excused Absences: If you cannot attend one of the exams you should submit a written reason for your absence **in advance** of the exam date. I would appreciate letting me know at least 3 days in advance if you are going to miss a class. In emergency situations please send me an email or leave me a voice message. The decision to allow make-up exams will be made on a case by case basis, but proper documentation is always necessary. No make-up exams will be given without advance notice. If you miss a quiz, exam or final with an unexcused absence, you will receive a 0 for that particular assignment.

Students with Disabilities: Alfred University is committed to upholding and maintaining all aspects of the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If you are a student with a disability and wish to request accommodations, please contact Dr. Aubrey Elmore at the Office of Special Academic Services located in Crandall Hall, or call (607) 871-2148. Any information regarding your disability will remain confidential. Many accommodations require early planning, therefore requests for accommodations should be made as early as possible. Any requests for accommodations will be reviewed in a timely manner to determine their appropriateness to this setting.

Extra Credit: I will not be giving anyone extra credit. This way everyone has the same advantage in the course.

Tentative Schedule:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	FRIDAY
Jan 21st CLASS CANCELED	22nd 1	23rd 2	25th 3
28th 4	29th 5	30th 6	Feb 1st 7
4th 8	5th 9	6th 10	8th 11
11th 12	12th 13	13th 14	15th 15
18th 16	19th 17	20th 18	22nd 19
25th 20	26th 21	27th 22 Review	Mar 1st 23 TEST 1
4th 24	5th 25	6th 26	8th 27
11th SPRING BREAK	12th SPRING BREAK	13th SPRING BREAK	15th SPRING BREAK
18th 28	19th 29	20th 30	22nd 31
25th 32 Withdraw Deadline	26th 33	27th 34	29th 35
Apr 1st 36	2nd 37	3rd 38	5th 39
8th 40	9th 41	10th 42	12th 43
15th 44	16th 45	17th 46	19th 47
22nd 48	23rd 49	24th 50 Review	26th 51 TEST 2
29th 52	30th 53	May 1st 54	3rd 55

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6th 56	7th	8th	10th FINAL EXAM

Final Exam: Friday May 10, 10:15PM-12:15PM in Meyers Hall 335.

Disclaimer: I reserve the right to make changes to this syllabus without prior notice.