



MAT252
Calculus III:
Multivariable Calculus
and Geometry



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Centro de Estudios Hispánicos

Calculus III: Multivariable Calculus and Geometry

Hours: 45

Credits: 6 ECTS

Prerequisites: basic calculus and algebra

Instructor name: to be determined

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Office hours: to be communicated the first day of class

1. Course Description

A standard third course in calculus. Topics include polar coordinates and polar curves; vectors and analytical geometry in three dimensions; vector-valued functions and curvature; components of acceleration; functions of several variables; limits and continuity in three-space; partial and directional derivatives; gradients, tangent planes, and extreme of functions of two variables; multiple integrals in rectangular, polar, spherical, and cylindrical coordinates; applications of multiple integrals to area, volume, moments, centroids, and surface area

2. Learning Objectives

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to:

- demonstrate the ability to analyze and visualize curves, surfaces, and regions in 2 and 3 dimensions, in Cartesian, polar, cylindrical, and spherical coordinate systems;
- perform calculus operations on vector-valued functions including limits, derivatives, integrals, curvature, and the description of motion in space;
- perform calculus operations on functions of several variables including limits, partial derivatives, directional derivatives, and multiple integrals;
- find and classify extrema and tangent planes of functions of two variables;
- apply some of the theorems of vector calculus, such as the Fundamental Theorem of Line Integrals, Green's Theorem, the Divergence Theorem, and Stokes' Theorem, to simplify integration problems;
- apply the computational and conceptual principles of calculus to the solutions of various engineering applications.

3. Methodology

The majority of the course syllabus follows the main methodological guidelines of the Communicative Approach, based on the core principles of procedure conception and constructive acquisition of knowledge. The methodology is based on the teaching-learning procedures, focused on the learner, which encourages active participation and results in the development of general and specific competencies that prove knowledge, capacities and attitudes for their future professional careers.

4. Evaluation

The form of assessment is based on the core principles of the educational assessment, i.e., an active and participative teaching-learning process focused on the learner. The instructor uses numerous and differentiated forms of assessment to calculate the final grade received for this course. For the record, these are listed below. The content, criteria and specific requirements for each assessment category will be explained in greater detail in class.

5.1. Grading system

In the Spanish educational system, it is required to quantitatively express the result of each student's evaluation. In order to do so, Nebrija faculty uses different strategies and instruments such as: papers, exams, tests, projects, self-evaluation activities, etc. In order to issue a final grade for the Spanish Plus programs the following scale is established:

- 30 % Attendance and active participation in class
- 30% Daily work/ Papers/ Essays
- 40% Exams/ Final papers or projects*

Therefore, the final grade is the average between attendance and participation, daily work and exams, presentations, projects and essays.

Active participation in class is evaluated by means of different activities such as:

- Activities and exercises correction;
- Reflection upon the different contents in the course;
- Oral activities (individual, in pairs or in groups). Fluency, correction, adequacy and relevance are taken into account.

Daily work makes reference to any activity or task that is done inside or outside of the classroom, whether during the class time or at any other time.

Exams/ Final papers or projects

The course includes a midterm and a final written exam on theoretical concepts and course facts. If a student, unjustifiably, does not do or submit an exam, paper or project, it will be graded with a '0'.

*** A minimum grade of 5 must be obtained in a final exam/ final project in order to pass the course.**

5.2. Attendance, participation and grading policies

5.2.1. Attendance policy

Attendance is mandatory. In case of missing 5 or more sessions in one course, the student will receive a zero in his/her participation and attendance grade. In addition, not attending classes will not excuse the student from handing in in any homework, papers or essays previously assigned.

The following situations must be considered:

- Each session of class will count as an absence.
- Two delays of more than 15 minutes will be considered an absence. The entrance to class will not be allowed after 30 minutes once it has started.
- There are no excused absences. E.g.: Not attending class because of sickness will count as an absence. The student is responsible for catching up with any homework done while absent.
- Exams dates have been officially approved by the University, therefore, they will not be changed.*

*Except for those courses where the professor will set up specific dates and inform the students at the beginning of the program.

5.2.2. Criteria to evaluate participation

Criteria to evaluate participation	Grade
The student participates very actively in the class activities. S/he successfully does the requested tasks. S/he contributes to a good development of the course, encourages his/her classmates and favor debate in class.	8.5 - 10

The student participates actively in the class activities. S/he does the requested tasks and submits them on time. Shows great interest to learn.	7 - 8.4
The student, occasionally, makes interesting remarks, but s/he basically answers when s/he is asked. S/he does not show a clear interest in the course. Misses classes occasionally.	5 - 6.9
The student does not participate unless s/he is asked. S/he has unjustified absences and delays. His/her attitude is not very participative.	0 - 4.9

5.2.3. Criteria to evaluate Daily Work

Criteria to evaluate Daily Work	Grade
The student always does all the work demanded by the professor, not only during the class but also at home. He/she always or almost always meets the deadlines established.	8.5 - 10
The student almost always does all the work demanded by the professor, not only during the class but also at home. Occasionally, he/she submits work after the established deadline.	7 - 8.4
The student occasionally does the work demanded by the professor, not only during the class but also at home. He/she does not normally meet the established deadlines and even occasionally does not submit the work.	5 - 6.9
The student never or almost never does the work demanded by the professor. He/she never or almost never meets the established deadlines.	0 - 4.9

5.2.4. Grading criteria

Number Grade	Letter Grade	Percentage
10	A+	100%
9.5 – 9.9	A	95 – 99 %
9 – 9.4	A-	90 – 94 %
8.5 – 8.9	B+	85 – 89 %
7.5 – 8.4	B	75 – 84 %
7 – 7.4	B-	70 – 74 %
6.5 – 6.9	C+	65 – 69 %
6 – 6.4	C	60 – 64 %
5 – 5.9	C-	5 – 59 %
0 – 4.9	F	0 – 49 %

5.3. Warning on plagiarism

When writing a University paper or essay and reference is made to certain authors, it is mandatory to cite them by means of a footnote or a direct reference. In no case it is acceptable that a student uses a text, no matter how brief it is, written by somebody else without putting it in inverted commas, as this means s/he is trying to make it look as his/her own. This is called plagiarism and in a university context it could be penalized with expulsion.

6. Bibliography

- Stewart, James. (2015) *Multivariable Calculus*. 8th ed. Cengage Learning.
- Larson, Ron and Edwards, Bruce. (2013). *Multivariable Calculus*. 10th ed. Cengage Learning.

7. Office Hours

Tutorial schedule will be confirmed in the first couple of sessions, to guarantee that the time schedule suits the needs of students and instructor. However, it is always advisable to make an appointment with the lecturer beforehand in order to ensure availability.

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8. Course Content

TOPICS	DESCRIPTION
1. Vectors and the Geometry of Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vectors on plane; vectors in space, distance, sphere, dot product, work of force • Lines and Planes in Space • Cylinders and Quadric Surfaces
2. Vector-Valued Functions and Motion in Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curves in Space and Their Tangents • Integrals of Vector Functions; Projectile Motion • Curvature and Normal Vectors of a Curve • Tangential and Normal Components of Acceleration
3. Partial Derivatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Functions of Several Variables • Limits and Continuity in Higher Dimensions • Partial Derivatives • Directional Derivatives and Gradient Vectors • Extreme Values and Saddle Points • Lagrange Multipliers • Partial Derivatives with Constrained Variables • Taylor's Formula for Two Variables
4. Multiple Integrals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double and Iterated Integrals over Rectangles • Double Integrals over General Regions • Area by Double Integration • Area by Double Integration • Moments and Centers of Mass • Substitutions in Multiple Integrals
5. Integrals and Vector Fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Line Integrals • Vector Fields and Line Integrals: Work, Circulation, and Flux • Path Independence, Conservative Fields, and Potential Functions • Green's Theorem in the Plane • Surfaces and Area • Stokes' Theorem • The Divergence Theorem