

**Department of Mathematics  
Pomona College**

**Course Outline for Mathematics 32S  
Calculus III with Applications to the Life Sciences  
Spring 2015**

**Time:** MWF 11:00 am - 11:50 am  
**Place:** MDSL Room 125 (Mudd Science Library)  
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**Office Hours:** MWF 9:00 am - 9:50 am, TR 9:00 am – 10:00 am, or by appointment  
**Text:** *Calculus: Multivariable by McCallum et al.* Publisher: Wiley.  
**Prerequisites:** Calculus II

**Course Description.** This course presents the core topics of Multivariable Calculus (Math 32) and probability in the context of problems from the life sciences. Topics include: vector fields, limits and continuity, differentiability, linearization, probability distributions, multiple integrals, line integrals, and Green's Theorem. Applications include models of species interaction in ecosystems, the spread of disease and mutations.

**Assigned Readings and Problems.** Readings and problem sets will be assigned at every lecture. Homework assignments will be collected on an alternate basis. Students are strongly encouraged to work on every assigned problem. **Late homework assignments will not be graded.**

**Grading Policy.** Grades will be based on the homework, three 50-minute examinations, plus a comprehensive final examination. The overall score will be computed as follows:

homework	20%
three 50-minute exams	50%
final examination	30%

**Final Examination.**

Time: Tuesday, May 12 9:00 am - 11:00 am.  
Place: MDSL Room 125 (Mudd Science Library)

## Tentative Schedule of Lectures and Examinations

Date		Topic
W	Jan. 21	Introduction: An Example from Epidemiology
F	Jan. 23	A simple SIR Model
M	Jan. 26	Paths in the plane and in space
W	Jan. 28	Continuous paths
F	Jan. 30	Differentiable paths
M	Feb. 2	Tangent lines to paths
W	Feb. 4	Applications: Modeling the interactions of species in an ecosystem
F	Feb. 6	Predator-prey systems
M	Feb. 9	Phase plane analysis
W	Feb. 11	Phase plane analysis (Continued)
F	Feb. 13	Equilibrium points and stability
M	Feb. 16	Review
W	Feb. 18	<b>Exam 1</b>
F	Feb. 20	Vector fields
M	Feb. 23	Differentiable vector fields
W	Feb. 25	Derivative of a vector field
F	Feb. 27	Linearization
M	Mar. 2	Linearization (continued)
W	Mar. 4	The derivative map
F	Mar. 6	The derivative map (continued)
M	Mar. 9	Real valued functions of a several variables
W	Mar. 11	Differentiability and the gradient
F	Mar. 13	Problems
M	Mar. 16	<i>Spring Recess!</i>
W	Mar. 18	<i>Spring Recess!</i>
F	Mar. 20	<i>Spring Recess!</i>

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M Mar. 23	The predator-prey system (revisited)
W Mar. 25	Integral curves
F Mar. 27	<i>Cesar Chavez Day</i>
M Mar. 30	Review
W Apr. 1	<b>Exam 2</b>
F Apr. 3	Application: Probability distributions
M Apr. 6	Integration in the plane and in space
W Apr. 8	Double and triple integrals
F Apr. 10	Double and triple integrals (continued)
M Apr. 13	Integration on paths
W Apr. 15	Integration on paths (continued)
F Apr. 17	Application: Periodic solutions
M Apr. 20	Applications: Modeling mutation rates
W Apr. 22	Probability distributions
F Apr. 24	The Binomial and Poisson distributions
M Apr. 27	Review
W Apr. 29	<b>Exam 3</b>
F May 1	Review
M May 4	Review
W May 6	Review
Tu May 12	<b>Final Examination at 9 am</b>