

MA234. General information

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Office hours: Monday 3–4pm, or by appointment.

Recommended textbook: Mathews, Howell “Complex Analysis for Mathematics and Engineering.”

Additional reading: any other introductory complex analysis textbook.

In general, for up to date information about the course, check Canvas or the webpage <http://personal.stevens.edu/~anikolae/teaching/>

Course grade:

40% Homework + 20% Exams + 40% Final + “bonus” ~5% quizzes

There will be no “curving.”

Homeworks:

- There will be (generally) one homework assignment every week. All homework assignments are worth the same in terms of the course grade, unless specified in the assignment sheet. Your lowest homework grade will be discarded from the course grade.
- Normally, assignments will be handed out on Fridays in the end of the class, to be handed in the following Friday. UPDATE. Starting with Monday April 6, homework assignments will be given out on Mondays, due the following Monday.
- Collaboration on homeworks is welcome. If you do collaborate, please make sure to write your own paper and credit the person you collaborated with.
- **Extensions:** During this course, on each homework you are allowed to take one one-week no-questions-asked extension, with two restrictions:
 - you cannot take extensions twice in a row. E.g. if you take an extension on HW4, you cannot take extension on HW5, cannot have taken extension on HW3, and cannot have yet another week for HW4.
 - there will be no extensions granted past end of classes date, May 6.

Extensions for valid reasons (= recognized by Stevens officials, like sickness, official athletics, etc) are separate from the above.

- **Solutions:** I will be issuing solutions to all HW assignments once everyone submits the corresponding paper. **Please note** that HW papers are graded so that it is possible to run an A as far as homeworks are concerned while doing only 70–80% of the HW assignments, **but** all exams will assume that you are able to do 100% of HW assignments. It is therefore important to read and work through all solutions, even if you are happy with your HW grade.

Quizzes:

- There may be short in-class quizzes; or online quizzes on Canvas. If there are, they will count for a small portion of the course grade and won't go into denominator.

Midterm exams:

- The current plan is to have **two** midterm exams. Each exam will be therefore worth $\frac{20}{2}\%$ of the course grade. There is a chance there will be three exams.
- Depending on how slow the lectures go, there is a chance that the midterm exams will be scheduled in addition to regular classes.
- Exams will be 50 minutes, closed book.

Final (current plan, I may change my mind):

- The Final will take place during the final examination period. Details to follow later.

General rule:

If you misunderstand something, it is your problem. I, on the other hand, will do my best to be unambiguous about everything, but experience shows there are always ways that I haven't thought of.

Corollary of the general rule:

If you are unsure about something, ask me.