

OR/MATH 441: Deterministic Operations Research

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Innovation Hall 132

Tuesday/Thursday 3:00 pm- 4:15 pm

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Prerequisites: MATH 203.

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Textbook: *Operations Research Applications and Algorithms*, Wayne L. Winston (4th edition)

Software: MPL, available from www.maximal-usa.com

Course objectives: The course focuses on modeling, developing, and solving a variety of deterministic optimization problems. Students will gain experience in converting a variety of applied problems to optimization models, representing these models in a sophisticated modeling language, solving these models with a variety of algorithms and software, and interpreting the results using sensitivity analysis and other approaches. All course materials will be posted at Blackboard.

Grading:

20% Homework

20% Midterm exam

20% Computational project

15% In-Class Assignments

25% Final exam

Coursework & Grading Policies

Unless otherwise indicated, you are expected to work individually on homework assignments, projects, and exams. Late submissions are not accepted. You can submit homework directly to me via email at chuang10@gmu.edu.

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Students must use their Mason email accounts to receive important University information, including messages related to this class. See <http://masonlive.gmu.edu> for more information.

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Tentative Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Chapters
Aug 29	Introduction; Linear Programming	1, 3.1-3.2
Aug 31		
Sep 5	Linear Programming	3.3-3.9
Sep 7		
Sep 12	The Simplex Method	4.1-4.2, 4.5
Sep 14		
Sep 19		4.6-4.8, 4.12
Sep 21		
Sep 26	Sensitivity Analysis & Duality	6.1-6.3
Sep 28	<i>Midterm 1</i>	
Oct 3	Sensitivity Analysis & Duality	6.1-6.3
Oct 5		
Oct 10	<u>Columbus Day; No Class</u>	
Oct 12	Sensitivity Analysis & Duality	6.5-6.9
Oct 17		
Oct 19	MPL Formulations	
Oct 24	Transportation Problem	7.1,7.2
Oct 26		
Oct 31		
Nov 2	Networks	8.1-8.2
Nov 7	<i>Midterm 2</i>	
Nov 9	Networks	8.3, 8.6
Nov 14		
Nov 16		
Nov 21	Integer Programming	9.1-9.3
Nov 23	<u>Thanksgiving; No Class</u>	
Nov 28	Integer Programming	9.5, 9.7
Nov 30		
Dec 5	Nonlinear Programming	11.1-11.3
Dec 7		
Dec 14	<i>Final Exam (1:30 pm – 4:15 pm)</i>	All

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