COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course**: GOPH 419, Computational Methods for Geophysicists - Fall 2022

Lecture 01: TR 12:30 - 13:45 in SS 115

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<th>Instructor</th>
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<td>Dr Brandon Karchewski</td>
<td><a href="mailto:brandon.karchewski@ucalgary.ca">brandon.karchewski@ucalgary.ca</a></td>
<td>403 220-6678</td>
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**Teaching Assistant:**
Ji Li, Email: li.ji1@ucalgary.ca

To account for any necessary transition to remote learning for the current semester, courses with in-person lectures, labs, or tutorials may be shifted to remote delivery for a certain period of time. In addition, adjustments may be made to the modality and format of assessments and deadlines, as well as to other course components and/or requirements, so that all coursework tasks are in line with the necessary and evolving health precautions for all involved (students and staff).

**In Person Delivery Details:**

**Lectures:** The lectures will be in-person at the registrar-scheduled time (TuTh 12:30-13:45) in SS 115. You are highly encouraged to attend the in-person class sessions as they will involve interaction/discussion about the content. The in-person class sessions will not be recorded. However, if you need to miss class please follow the procedures outlined by the Undergraduate Science Centre and reach out to the course instructor for advice on how to catch up.

**Labs:** The labs will be in-person once per week (W 17:00-19:50) in ES 254 beginning Wed Sep 7. The lab sessions will include a mix of demonstrations of computation tools and techniques, numerical examples of course topics, and work time for lab assignments. The lab sessions will provide opportunity to discuss/collaborate on the assignments with your peers and you are highly encouraged to attend. The lab descriptions/exercises/assignments, including instructions on how to submit your assignments, will be uploaded to D2L. As you work through the labs, you are welcome to ask questions of the instructor, TA, and/or your peers during lab sessions or via email. Appropriate collaboration is encouraged, but everyone will submit their own lab assignment.

**Quizzes and Exams:** Quizzes will be posted to D2L throughout the term and you will typically have one week to complete multiple attempts of each quiz. The midterm and final exam will be online asynchronous and will be scheduled for a "2 hour" timeslot (concurrent with lab period for midterm, scheduled by the Registrar for the final). Both exams will be posted to D2L 24 hours before the end of the scheduled time and will be due for electronic submission at the end of the scheduled time period.

**Re-Entry Protocol for Labs and Classrooms:**

To limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus, the University of Calgary has implemented safety measures to ensure the campus is a safe and welcoming space for students, faculty and staff. The most current safety information for campus can be found [here](#).

**Course Site:**

D2L: GOPH 419 L01-(Fall 2022)-Computational Methods for Geophysicists

**Note:** Students must use their U of C account for all course correspondence.

**Equity Diversity & Inclusion:**

The University of Calgary is committed to creating an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus, and condemns harm and discrimination of any form. We value all persons regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, age, LGBTQIA2S+ identity and expression, disability, religion, spirituality, and socioeconomic status. The Faculty of Science strives to extend these values in every aspect of our courses, research, and teachings to better promote academic excellence and foster belonging for all.
2. **Requisites:**

See section 3.5.C in the Faculty of Science section of the online Calendar.

**Prerequisite(s):**
Mathematics 211; and Mathematics 267 or 277; and Geophysics 351 or 355; and 3 units from Computer Science 217, 231, 235 or Data Science 211.

**Antirequisite(s):**
Credit for Geophysics 419 and any of 619, 599.09 or 699.09 will not be allowed.

3. **Grading:**

The University policy on grading and related matters is described in F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar.

In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

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<td>Midterm</td>
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Each piece of work (reports, assignments, quizzes, midterm exam(s) or final examination) submitted by the student will be assigned a grade. The student's grade for each component listed above will be combined with the indicated weights to produce an overall percentage for the course, which will be used to determine the course letter grade.

The conversion between a percentage grade and letter grade is as follows.

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This course will have a Registrar Scheduled Final exam that will be delivered on-line. The Final Examination Schedule will be published by the Registrar’s Office approximately one month after the start of the term. The final exam for this course will be designed to be completed within 2 hours.

Per section G.5 of the online Academic Calendar, timed final exams administered using an on-line platform, such as D2L, will be available on the platform. Due to the scheduling of the final exams, the additional time will be added to the end of the registrar scheduled synchronous exam to support students. This way, your exam schedule accurately reflects the start time of the exam for any synchronous exams. E.g. If a synchronous exam is designed for 2 hours and the final exam is scheduled from 9-11am in your student centre, the additional time will be added to the end time of the synchronous exam. This means that if the exam has a 1 hour buffer time, a synchronous exam would start at 9 am and finish at 12pm.

- the latest you should start an asynchronous exam would be 8 am in order to be able to submit the exam at 11am and have the full 3 hours.

The University of Calgary offers a flexible grade option, Credit Granted (CG) to support student’s breadth of learning and student wellness. Faculty units may have additional requirements or restrictions for the use of the CG grade at the faculty, degree or program level. To see the full list of Faculty of Science courses where CG is not eligible, please visit the following website: https://science.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate/program-advising/flexible-grading-option-cg-grade

4. **Missed Components Of Term Work:**

The university has suspended the requirement for students to provide evidence for absences. Please do not attend medical clinics for medical notes or Commissioners for Oaths for statutory declarations.

In the event that a student legitimately fails to submit any online assessment on time (e.g. due to illness etc...), please contact the course coordinator, or the course instructor if this course does not have a coordinator to arrange for a re-adjustment of a submission date. Absences not reported within 48 hours will not be
accommodated. If an excused absence is approved, one possible arrangement is that the percentage weight of
the legitimately missed assignment could also be pro-rated among the components of the course. This option is
at the discretion of the coordinator and may not be a viable option based on the design of this course.

5. Scheduled Out-of-Class Activities:
There are no scheduled out of class activities for this course.

6. Course Materials:
Recommended Textbook(s):

These texts will be the reference for the content of this course, and they are recommended, but not required. The
instructor will post supplemental notes on D2L (https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/login.asp). You will be expected to stay up-
to-date with the online content of the course on a weekly basis.

For in-class quizzes and term tests, you may use course notes, online reference and any calculator (including
Python or Excel). Several software packages will be needed during the course and instructions will be provided on
D2L and in class on how to obtain these, but in case you would like to get started on your own you will need:

- **Python 3.8+** (and matplotlib, NumPy, and other packages). This is free, open-source software available from
  a variety of sources. Some options to consider are (ordered in terms of recommended preference):
  - Install using `pyenv [https://github.com/pyenv/pyenv]` (or `pyenv-win [https://github.com/pyenv-win/pyenv-win]`) which allows managing multiple different versions of Python and along with the
    *virtualenv* package helps to organize and manage isolated environments for each project to make it easier to
document and test package dependencies. This is especially important/useful on *NIX type operating systems (such as
macOS and any Linux distro) that typically also have a system version of Python that it is best practice to keep separate from your individual project environments.
  - Anaconda [https://www.anaconda.com/products/distribution], which includes Python 3 with many
    useful packages for scientific computing pre-loaded and a package manager built-in for installing other
    Python packages. The Anaconda distribution also includes multiple free integrated development
    environment (IDE) options including Jupyter notebooks (free), Spyder (free), and PyCharm (free Edu
    version).
  - “Vanilla” Python 3 for your OS (e.g. https://www.python.org/downloads/ or using a command line
    install method). With this method, you should also ensure to use the built-in Python `venv` package or the
    more feature-rich `virtualenv` package to keep development environments for each project separate from
    each other and the system Python. The `venv` tool has been built-in since Python 3.5, but the
    `virtualenv` package should be installed using the Python package manager `pip`.
- **git** version control package. This is free, open-source software which also has several possibilities for
  installation:
  - **Windows:**
    - If you have not previously used git, it is unlikely that it is pre-installed on Windows. There are
      multiple options to install it:
      - Use the `choco [https://chocolatey.org/]` package manager and then using a Windows
        Terminal / PowerShell opened with administrator privileges `choco install git` (or first `choco
        install gsudo`, and then in a non-admin terminal session `gsudo gsudo install git`). You can also
        install and manage updates on other useful software with choco (e.g. `gsudo choco install
        pyenv-win, gsudo choco install vim, and/or gsudo choco install notepadplusplus`). Once
        installed, the `git` command should be available from the Windows Terminal, PowerShe,l or
        Command Prompt (you may have to type `refreshenv` or close and re-open your terminal first).
        Try `git --version` and make sure you get a result (e.g. `git version 2.37.2.windows.2`) to
        check that it is installed properly.
  - If you do not want to install a package manager you can use `Git for Windows` which also
    comes with a package of other tools including a *NIX-like terminal shell BASH. Follow
- **Linux:**
  - It is highly likely that your distro comes with `git` pre-installed; try `git --version` to check. If not,
    installation should be easy (e.g. `sudo apt install git` on Ubuntu/Debian, `sudo pacman -S git` on
    Arch-like distros). There are instructions for your distro at https://git-scm.com/download/linux.
  - **macOS:**
    - It is also possible that `git` is already installed; try `git --version` to check. If not, follow instructions at
      https://git-scm.com/download/mac. You may need to install a package manager such as
      homebrew first.
  - A **text editor and/or IDE** for Python. Some popular options include:
    - **VS Code [https://code.visualstudio.com/]** is a free, open-source IDE with lots of available plugins for
Students should also read the Calendar, communication is not allowed during the exam. Including software such as Python and Excel. Internet access will be allowed, but verbal, written, or electronic. The midterm and final exams will be open book, open notes and you will be allowed to use any calculator. For more information please refer to the UofC ELearning online website.

7. Examination Policy:

The midterm and final exams will be open book, open notes and you will be allowed to use any calculator including software such as Python and Excel. Internet access will be allowed, but verbal, written, or electronic communication is not allowed during the exam.

Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations.
Approved Mandatory And Optional Course Supplemental Fees:

There are no mandatory or optional course supplemental fees for this course.

Writing Across The Curriculum Statement:

For all components of the course, in any written work, the quality of the student’s writing (language, spelling, grammar, presentation etc.) can be a factor in the evaluation of the work. See also Section E.2 of the University Calendar.

Human Studies Statement:

Students will not participate as subjects or researchers in human studies.

See also Section E.5 of the University Calendar.

Reappraisal Of Grades:

A student wishing a reappraisal, should first attempt to review the graded work with the Course coordinator/instructor or department offering the course. Students with sufficient academic grounds may request a reappraisal. Non-academic grounds are not relevant for grade reappraisals. Students should be aware that the grade being reappraised may be raised, lowered or remain the same. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

a. **Term Work:** The student should present their rationale as effectively and as fully as possible to the Course coordinator/instructor within ten business days of either being notified about the mark, or of the item’s return to the class. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, the student shall submit the Reappraisal of Graded Term work form to the department in which the course is offered within 2 business days of receiving the decision from the instructor. The Department will arrange for a reappraisal of the work within the next ten business days. The reappraisal will only be considered if the student provides a detailed rationale that outlines where and for what reason an error is suspected. See sections I.1 and I.2 of the University Calendar.

b. **Final Exam:** The student shall submit the request to Enrolment Services. See Section I.3 of the University Calendar.

Other Important Information For Students:

a. **Mental Health** The University of Calgary recognizes the pivotal role that student mental health plays in physical health, social connectedness and academic success, and aspires to create a caring and supportive campus community where individuals can freely talk about mental health and receive supports when needed. We encourage you to explore the mental health resources available throughout the university community, such as counselling, self-help resources, peer support or skills-building available through the SU Wellness Centre (Room 370, MacEwan Student Centre, Mental Health Services Website) and the Campus Mental Health Strategy website (Mental Health).

b. **SU Wellness Services:** For more information, see their website or call 403-210-9355.

c. **Sexual Violence:** The Sexual Violence Support Advocate, Carla Bertsch, can provide confidential support and information regarding sexual violence to all members of the university community. Carla can be reached by email (svsa@ucalgary.ca) or phone at 403-220-2208. The complete University of Calgary policy on sexual violence can be viewed here.

d. **Misconduct:** Academic integrity is the foundation of the development and acquisition of knowledge and is based on values of honesty, trust, responsibility, and respect. We expect members of our community to act with integrity. Research integrity, ethics, and principles of conduct are key to academic integrity. Members of our campus community are required to abide by our institutional Code of Conduct and promote academic integrity in upholding the University of Calgary’s reputation of excellence. Some examples of academic misconduct include but are not limited to: posting course material to online platforms or file sharing without the course instructor’s consent; submitting or presenting work as if it were the student’s own work; submitting or presenting work in one course which has also been submitted in another course without the instructor’s permission; borrowing experimental values from others without the instructor’s approval; falsification/fabrication of experimental values in a report. Please read the following to inform yourself more on academic integrity:

   Student Handbook on Academic Integrity
   Student Academic Misconduct Policy and Procedure
   Faculty of Science Academic Misconduct Process
   Research Integrity Policy

Additional information is available on the Student Success Centre Academic Integrity page.
e. **Academic Accommodation Policy:**

It is the student’s responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures listed below. The student accommodation policy can be found at: [https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf)

Students needing an accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: [https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf](https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf).

Students needing an accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfill requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, by filling out the Request for Academic Accommodation Form and sending it to Jennifer Cuthbertson by email cuthberj@ucalgary.ca preferably 10 business days before the due date of an assessment or scheduled absence.

f. **Freedom of Information and Privacy:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). Students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page. For more information, see Legal Services website.

g. **Student Union Information:** SU contact, Email SU Science Rep: sciencerep1@su.ucalgary.ca, Student Ombudsman

h. **Surveys:** At the University of Calgary, feedback through the Universal Student Ratings of Instruction (USRI) survey and the Faculty of Science Teaching Feedback form provides valuable information to help with evaluating instruction, enhancing learning and teaching, and selecting courses. Your responses make a difference - please participate in these surveys.

i. **Copyright of Course Materials:** All course materials (including those posted on the course D2L site, a course website, or used in any teaching activity such as (but not limited to) examinations, quizzes, assignments, laboratory manuals, lecture slides or lecture materials and other course notes) are protected by law. These materials are for the sole use of students registered in this course and must not be redistributed. Sharing these materials with anyone else would be a breach of the terms and conditions governing student access to D2L, as well as a violation of the copyright in these materials, and may be pursued as a case of student academic or non-academic misconduct, in addition to any other remedies available at law.

**Calendar Description:**

Topics in numerical analysis emphasizing geophysics applications. Error analysis, Taylor series, linear system solver algorithms, LU decomposition, curve fitting, numerical differentiation and integration, numerical solution of ODEs, introduction to PDE solvers.

**Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this course, students should be able to:

1. **Explain** and **implement** numerical solution algorithms to some of the most fundamental problems in applied mathematics (root finding, solution of linear systems, numerical integration, solution of ODEs/PDEs), applied within a geophysics context.
2. **Perform** error analyses of approximate numerical solutions and discuss whether the solutions are acceptable.
3. **Explain** the advantages and limitations of the numerical techniques examined in the course.
4. **Distinguish** between and select the most applicable of available numerical techniques for an analysis task in geophysics.
5. **Use** software packages (spreadsheet tools such as MS Excel and programming languages such as Python 3) to compute numerical solutions.
6. **Communicate** the results of numerical analysis to peers in the scientific community and **critically evaluate** the work of peers.