



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS COURSE OUTLINE

1. **Course:** AMAT 425 – Introduction To Optimization

<u>Lec</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Instructor</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>	<u>Office Hours</u>
1	TR	9:30-10:45	Yuriy Zinchenko	MS524	220-4044	yzinchen@ucalgary.ca	TBA

2. **Prerequisites:** Mathematics 311[MATH311]; and Mathematics 353[MATH353] or 381[MATH381] or Applied Mathematics 309[AMAT309] or Mathematics 331[MATH331].

3. **Grading:** The University policy on grading and related matters is described in sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course, the following weights will be used:

<i>Assignments</i>	[4]	20 %
<i>TopHat mini-quizzes</i>	[6]	6 %
<i>Midterm Test</i>	[1]	24 % (In class, October 22, 2015)
<i>Final Exam</i>		50 % (to be scheduled by the Registrar)

Each piece of work (assignment, laboratory report, midterm test or final examination submitted by the student will be assigned a percentage score. The student's average percentage score for the various components 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 course percentage and letter grade is given below.

The following is only an example of conversion scale.

Letter Grade Conversions	
Letter Grade	% range
A+	>95
A	88–94.5
A-	84–87.5
B+	80–83.5
B	76–79.5
B-	72–75.5
C+	68–71.5
C	64–67.5
C-	60–63.5
D+	55–59.5
D	50–54.5
F	<50

A passing grade in the Final Examination is essential for an overall grade of C- or better.

4. **Missed Components of Term Work.** The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in section 3.6: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-6.html. It is the student's responsibility to be familiar with these regulations. See also www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-3.html.

5. **Course Materials:** *Convex Optimization* by Boyd and Vandenberghe, accessible free online at <http://web.stanford.edu/~boyd/cvxbook/>
6. **Examination Policy:** exams are open book, open notes, non-graphing calculators are permitted. Students should also read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations: www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g.html
7. **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:**
- (a) **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under K. Student Misconduct (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>) to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties.
- (b) **ASSEMBLY POINTS in case of emergency during class time. Be sure to FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF with the information at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>.**
- (c) **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION POLICY.** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links: Calendar entry on students with disabilities and Student Accessibility Services. MSC452 Phone: 220-8237
Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to the Associate Head of Mathematics and Statistics , Jim Stallard by email jbstall@ucalgary.ca or phone 403-220-5203
- (d) **SAFEWALK:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call **220-5333** for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY:** This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, **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 also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) **STUDENT UNION INFORMATION:** VP Academic **Phone:** 220-3911 **Email:** suypaca@ucalgary.ca.
SU Faculty Rep. **Phone:** 220-3913 **Email:** sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca **Website** <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>
Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- (g) **INTERNET and ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE Information.** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, **your cell phone should be turned off.** Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.