

# ENGR R148: PROGRAMMING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING IN MATLAB

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**Originator**

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**College**

Oxnard College

**Discipline (CB01A)**

ENGR - Engineering

**Course Number (CB01B)**

R148

**Course Title (CB02)**

Programming and Problem-Solving in MATLAB

**Banner/Short Title**

Programming in MATLAB

**Credit Type**

Credit

**Start Term**

Fall 2021

**Co-listed (Same-as) Course(s)**

MATH R148

**Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) Code (CB03)**

0901.00 - Engineering, General (requires Calculus) (Transfer)

**SAM Priority Code (CB09)**

E - Non-Occupational

**Control Number**

CCC000570318

**Primary Minimum Qualification**

ENGINEERING

**Department**

Math (2170)

**Division**

Oxnard Math/Science/HED/Athletics/PE

**Catalog Course Description**

This course utilizes the MATLAB environment to provide students with a working knowledge of computer-based problem-solving methods relevant to science and engineering. It introduces the fundamentals of procedural and object-oriented programming, numerical analysis, and data structures. Examples and assignments in the course are drawn from practical applications in engineering, physics, and mathematics. Same as MATH R148.

**Taxonomy of Programs (TOP) Code (CB03)**

0901.00 - Engineering, General (requires Calculus) (Transfer)

**Course Credit Status (CB04)**

D (Credit - Degree Applicable)

**Course Transfer Status (CB05) (select one only)**

A (Transferable to both UC and CSU)

**Course Basic Skills Status (CB08)**

N - The Course is Not a Basic Skills Course

**SAM Priority Code (CB09)**

E - Non-Occupational

**Course Cooperative Work Experience Education Status (CB10)**

N - Is Not Part of a Cooperative Work Experience Education Program

**Course Classification Status (CB11)**

Y - Credit Course

**Educational Assistance Class Instruction (Approved Special Class) (CB13)**

N - The Course is Not an Approved Special Class

**Course Prior to Transfer Level (CB21)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Course Noncredit Category (CB22)**

Y - Credit Course

**Funding Agency Category (CB23)**

Y - Not Applicable (Funding Not Used)

**Course Program Status (CB24)**

2 - Not Program Applicable

**General Education Status (CB25)**

Y - Not Applicable

**Support Course Status (CB26)**

N - Course is not a support course

**Field trips**

Will not be required

**Grading method**

Letter Graded

**Does this course require an instructional materials fee?**

No

**Repeatable for Credit**

No

**Is this course part of a family?**

No

**Units and Hours**

**Carnegie Unit Override**

No

**In-Class****Lecture****Minimum Contact/In-Class Lecture Hours**

35

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Lecture Hours**

35

**Activity****Laboratory****Minimum Contact/In-Class Laboratory Hours**

52.5

**Maximum Contact/In-Class Laboratory Hours**

52.5

**Total in-Class****Total in-Class****Total Minimum Contact/In-Class Hours**

87.5

**Total Maximum Contact/In-Class Hours**

87.5

**Outside-of-Class****Internship/Cooperative Work Experience****Paid****Unpaid****Total Outside-of-Class****Total Outside-of-Class****Minimum Outside-of-Class Hours**

70

**Maximum Outside-of-Class Hours**

70

**Total Student Learning****Total Student Learning****Total Minimum Student Learning Hours**

157.5

**Total Maximum Student Learning Hours**

157.5

**Minimum Units (CB07)**

3

**Maximum Units (CB06)**

3

**Prerequisites**

MATH R120

**Requisite Justification****Requisite Type**

Prerequisite

**Requisite**

MATH R120

**Requisite Description**

Course not in a sequence

**Level of Scrutiny/Justification**

Required by 4 year institution

**Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)****Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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| 1 | Students will create, test, and debug sequential MATLAB programs, as well as programs that use object-oriented techniques, in order to achieve computational objectives. |
| 2 | Students will apply numeric techniques and computer simulations to analyze and solve engineering-related problems.   |

**Course Objectives****Upon satisfactory completion of the course, students will be able to:**

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|---|---|
| 1 | Apply a top-down design methodology to develop computer algorithms.   |
| 2 | Create, test and debug sequential MATLAB programs, as well as programs that use object-oriented techniques, in order to achieve computational objectives. |
| 3 | Apply numeric techniques and computer simulations to analyze and solve engineering-related problems.  |
| 4 | Use MATLAB effectively to analyze and visualize data.   |
| 5 | Demonstrate understanding and use of standard data structures.  |

**Course Content****Lecture/Course Content**

1. Overview of computer systems and the MATLAB environment
  2. Variables, expressions, and order of operation
  3. Elementary functions
  4. Array definitions and operations
  5. Computational problem-solving methodology
  6. Pseudocode, flowcharts, and documentation
  7. Formatted input and output
  8. Data files
  9. Plotting
  10. Selection programming structures
  11. Repetition programming structures
  12. MATLAB functions and user-defined functions
  13. Recursion
  14. Data structures
  15. Sorting and searching
  16. Object-oriented programming
  17. Graphical user interfaces (optional)
- Numerical Analysis Techniques (embedded within topics above):
1. Solving systems of linear equations
  2. Vector analysis
  3. Data interpolation
  4. Least-squares regression and linearization
  5. Numerical differentiation and integration
  6. Solving ordinary differential equations
  7. Series approximation and error
  8. Solving equations of one variable

9. Optimization (optional)
10. Stochastic simulation (optional)

### Laboratory or Activity Content

1. Laboratory activities require students to explore and apply concepts covered in lecture portion of the course, and should reflect a variety of practical applications.
  - a. data files
  - b. plotting
  - c. sorting and searching
  - d. solving systems of linear equations
  - e. data interpolation
  - f. least-squares regression and linearization
  - g. numerical differentiation and integration
  - h. solving ordinary differential equations
  - i. solving equations of one variable
  - j. various applications in the STEM fields

### Methods of Evaluation

**Which of these methods will students use to demonstrate proficiency in the subject matter of this course? (Check all that apply):**

Problem solving exercises  
Written expression

**Methods of Evaluation may include, but are not limited to, the following typical classroom assessment techniques/required assignments (check as many as are deemed appropriate):**

Computational homework  
Laboratory activities  
Laboratory reports  
Objective exams  
Problem-Solving Assignments  
Problem-solving exams  
Quizzes

### Instructional Methodology

**Specify the methods of instruction that may be employed in this course**

Computer-aided presentations  
Distance Education  
Demonstrations  
Instructor-guided interpretation and analysis  
Lecture  
Small group activities

**Describe specific examples of the methods the instructor will use:**

1. Computer aided presentation: The instructor will employ the computer to aid in the presentation of course materials which will include the direct usage and application of the MATLAB program.
2. Demonstrations: The instructor will demonstrate usage of the program as to properly convey syntax, applicable methods, and the application sound logic.
3. Distance Education: When applicable, recordings of lectures will be used to convey subject matter. Also, the use of discussion boards and virtual meetings will be used to impart course material and allow students to ask questions regarding the course and its material.
4. Instructor guided analysis: The instructor will work through various problems and exercises during class that explore a given system or notion in which the students will follow along, answering questions posed by the instructor. This will also serve as a forum for students to ask particular questions regarding the logic, methods, and syntax employed to produce certain effects regarding said exercise.
5. Laboratory activities: The lab portion of the class is embedded in the lecture as course material discussed by the instructor and exercises/activities are often done simultaneously.
6. Lecture: The instructor will deliver the course subject matter via in-person lectures to the students. For example, Matrix operations using MATLAB.

7. Small group activities: These may be employed in the form of group exercises in working through the production of a particular program that achieves a desired effect.

## Representative Course Assignments

### Writing Assignments

1. Students are expected to do weekly homework assignments based on the reading, maintain a laboratory journal, and write up laboratory reports in a format best used for communication.

### Critical Thinking Assignments

1. Answering a wide array of homework, quiz, and exam questions requiring the analysis of a given physical system or circumstance in order to come to the correct conclusion and/or answer regarding the question and/or desired outcome. For instance, develop a program that produces the results of the magnitude and direction of the electric field due at 100 points due to 5 point charges positioned at various locations in a Cartesian coordinate system.

### Reading Assignments

1. Regular textbook readings that reinforce the concepts discussed and/or demonstrated during the class meetings. These readings typically include programming principles and "how to", data tables, definitions, programming examples, and practical applications of programming.

### Skills Demonstrations

None

### Other assignments (if applicable)

None

## Outside Assignments

### Representative Outside Assignments

1. Assigned reading from the textbook typically amounting to one hour per week of reading.
2. Assigned problem solving and setup based homework that further investigates, explores, and utilizes the notions and processes discussed throughout the course. Typically, homework sets will require 3 hours to fully complete and will be due on a weekly basis.
3. Studying and preparing for quizzes and exams.

## Articulation

### Comparable Courses within the VCCCD

ENGR V14 - MATLAB: Programming and Problem Solving

**District General Education****A. Natural Sciences****B. Social and Behavioral Sciences****C. Humanities****D. Language and Rationality****E. Health and Physical Education/Kinesiology****F. Ethnic Studies/Gender Studies****CSU GE-Breadth****Area A: English Language Communication and Critical Thinking****Area B: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning****Area C: Arts and Humanities****Area D: Social Sciences****Area E: Lifelong Learning and Self-Development****CSU Graduation Requirement in U.S. History, Constitution and American Ideals:****IGETC****Area 1: English Communication****Area 2A: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning****Area 3: Arts and Humanities****Area 4: Social and Behavioral Sciences****Area 5: Physical and Biological Sciences****Area 6: Languages Other than English (LOTE)****Textbooks and Lab Manuals****Resource Type**

Textbook

**Description**Moore, H. (2018). *MATLAB for Engineers* (5th). Boston, Pearson**Resource Type**

Software

**Description**

MATLAB. MathWorks.

## Distance Education Addendum

### Definitions

#### Distance Education Modalities

Hybrid (51%–99% online)

Hybrid (1%–50% online)

100% online

### Faculty Certifications

Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will receive training in how to satisfy the Federal and state regulations governing regular effective/substantive contact for distance education. The training will include common elements in the district-supported learning management system (LMS), online teaching methods, regular effective/substantive contact, and best practices.

Yes

Faculty assigned to teach Hybrid or Fully Online sections of this course will meet with the EAC Alternate Media Specialist to ensure that the course content meets the required Federal and state accessibility standards for access by students with disabilities. Common areas for discussion include accessibility of PDF files, images, captioning of videos, Power Point presentations, math and scientific notation, and ensuring the use of style mark-up in Word documents.

Yes

### Regular Effective/Substantive Contact

#### Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality:

Method of Instruction	Document typical activities or assignments for each method of instruction
Other DE (e.g., recorded lectures)	The students will watch recorded lecture videos that go over the pertinent subject matter of the course.
Synchronous Dialog (e.g., online chat)	The students will join live, online meetings in which they will receive instruction, be reminded of all upcoming assignments/events, and be allowed to ask questions pertaining to the lecture and lab material. Recordings will be made available of all live meetings. Students may also be put into small groups to discuss a given class problem.
Asynchronous Dialog (e.g., discussion board)	Students will have access to a discussion board in which they can ask questions regarding the course material.
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**Examinations****Hybrid (1%–50% online) Modality**

Online  
On campus

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Online  
On campus

**Primary Minimum Qualification**

ENGINEERING

**Review and Approval Dates****Department Chair**

09/04/2020

**Dean**

09/04/2020

**Technical Review**

09/23/2020

**Curriculum Committee**

09/23/2020

**Curriculum Committee**

11/25/2020

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