

Level Three

Math Software

Course Code	Course Num.	Course Name	Credit Hours	Lec	Lab	Tut	Prerequisites
MAT	251	Math Software	2	2	2	0	MAT 101

Objectives:

This course is intended for students who are using software for the first time and have a little or no experience in computer programming. It provides an introduction to a powerful language for mathematical computation. For this course, the chosen software is MATLAB that is widely used and can be regarded as a reference for other scientific computational software as Maple, Mathematica...

Syllabus:

- **Starting with MATLAB:** Introduction to the software, Command window, *help* and *lookfor* commands, arithmetic operations, Display Formats, Built-in functions, Variables assignment, Command line editing.
- Arrays: Creating arrays (vectors, matrices), *linspace* command, some major matrices, operators, Matrix operations in MATLAB, Array addressing, Adding and deleting elements, Strings.
- **Operators:** Operator Precedence, Relational operations, Logical operations, *all* and *any* commands, *find* command, *sort* command, *max* and *min* command.
- **2D and 3D graphs:** *Plot* and *ezplot* command, *fplot* command, multigraphs plots, others plot commands, histograms, formatting a plot, 3D line plot, Mesh and Surface plots, *view* command.
- Script files: Creating and saving a file, *disp* and *fprintf* commands, loading a file, search path, defining functions, structure of a function file, *inline* function, *feval* command, local and global variables.
- **Programming:** *If-else* structure, *for* and *while* loops, *Break* and *continue* commands, *Switch-case* statement.
- **Symbolic toolbox:** Symbolic object and expressions, algebraic expression manipulation, factorization, simplification, solving equations.

References:

- MATLAB: An Introduction with Applications, by Amos Gilat, 3rd Edition The Ohio State Univ. 2008.
- On the Web :**An Introduction to Matlab (Version 2.3)** David F. Griffiths Department of Mathematics The University of Dundee DD1 4HN



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- "Getting Started with MATLAB" Website: http://www.mathworks.com/access/helpdesk/help/techdoc/matlab.html