

300-level SUBJECT HANDBOOK ENTRY 2008 – New Generation subjects

Subject Code	620-3xx
Title of the subject	Partial Differential Equations
Credit points	12.5
Coordinator	Karen Baker
Semester of offer	2
Prerequisites and/or corequisites	620-2xx Real Analysis with Applications and 620-2xx Vector Calculus and 620-xxx Mathematical Modelling; or 620-2xx Multivariable & Vector Calculus and 620-xxx Mathematical Modelling
Mode of delivery	Lectures and practice classes
Contact hours	36 one-hour lectures (three per week) and up to 12 practice classes (one per week)
Estimated total time commitment	120
Description	This subject illustrates how partial differential equations of first and second order arise in mathematical modelling of the real world. It introduces basic techniques for solving these partial differential equations such as separation of variables, eigenfunction expansions, Green's functions, similarity solutions, method of images, and addresses general features of the solutions.
Assessment	Up to 50 pages of written assignments 20% (due during semester), a 3-hour written examination 80% (in the examination period).
Prescribed texts	
Notes	
Subject objectives	
Generic skills	In addition to learning specific skills that will assist students in their future careers in science, they will have the opportunity to develop generic skills that will assist them in any future career path. These include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • problem-solving skills: the ability to engage with unfamiliar problems and identify relevant solution strategies; • analytical skills: the ability to construct and express logical arguments and to work in abstract or general terms to increase the clarity and efficiency of analysis; • collaborative skills: the ability to work in a team; • time-management skills: the ability to meet

	regular deadlines while balancing competing commitments.
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