

1. **ChE 365 - Chemical Engineering Computing**
2. **Credits and contact hours:** 2-2-3 (2 lecture hr/wk - 2 lab hr/wk - 3 course credits)
3. **Course Coordinator or Instructor:** Gennady Gor
4. **Textbook:** Applied Numerical Methods with Python for Engineers and Scientists, 1st Edition, Steven Chapra and David Clough, ISBN10: 1266651497, ISBN13: 9781266651496.  
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5. **Specific course information**
  - a. **Description:** Introduction to basic concepts of computational methods for solving chemical engineering problems and performing process simulations. Topics include common numerical techniques encountered in chemical engineering, for the solution of linear and nonlinear algebraic equations and ordinary differential equations, differentiation/integration, optimization and interpolation/regression of data. Students will be exposed to modern computational software and commercial chemical processes simulators.
  - b. **Prerequisites:** ChE 370, CS 115. **Co-requisites:** ChE 360.
  - c. **Required, Elective, or Selective Elective** - Required
6. **Specific goals for the course**
  - a. A student should be able to:
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    2. Describe and interpret error and convergence
    3. Solve root searching problems using bracketing and open methods, while assessing the trade-offs between them
    4. Apply optimization methods in order to search for maxima or minima of a function.
    5. Represent and solve a system of linear equations in matrix form
    6. Fit data using linear regression
    7. Integrate functions numerically
    8. Differentiate functions numerically
    9. Solve ordinary differential equations numerically
    10. Utilize advanced engineering software packages
    11. Work on group exercises and apply a range of numerical methods to evaluate solutions to chemical engineering problems
    12. Self-acquire advanced engineering software skills
    13. Communicate project results in a technical writing report format
  - b. This course explicitly addresses the following student outcomes: 1, 3, 5, 7

# ChE 365: Chemical Engineering Computing

## Spring 2023

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**Class:** Monday, Wednesday, 11:30 AM - 01:35 PM; Room: Tiernan Hall 411

**Office Hours:** TBD; Room: 373 Tiernan Hall

Additional appointments can be made by email.

**Course Web Page:** <https://njit.instructure.com/courses/27252>

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**Other Learning Material:** The textbook is the main source for preparing for classes and reading the textbook before each class is necessary. Additional materials will be posted on Canvas

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**Computer:** Students have to bring their laptops to every class. The laptops' batteries have to be charged, as power outlets may not necessarily be available. In-class activities and quizzes will require use of laptop computers. In-class use of computers at times other than for in-class activities or quizzes is not permitted.

**OS:** Any OS will work: Linux, Windows or MacOS, as long as it supports the necessary software.

**Software:** Python 3 and Anaconda should be installed. Respondus and LockDown Browser should be installed and functioning.

## Course Outline

Class	Date	Topic (preliminary, subject to changes)
1	Jan. 18	Mathematical Modeling in Chemical Engineering
2	Jan. 23	Analytical and Numerical Methods for Solving ChemE Problems
3	Jan. 25	Straight-Line Linear Regression
4	Jan. 30	Use of Linear Regression and Linearization
5	Feb. 1	Polynomial Interpolation: Newton Polynomials
6	Feb. 6	Polynomial Interpolation: Lagrange Polynomials
7	Feb. 8	Linear Algebraic Equations
8	Feb. 13	Basics of Matrix Algebra
9	Feb. 15	Root Finding. Bracketing Methods: Graphical and Incremental Search
10	Feb. 20	Root Finding. Bracketing Methods: Bisection and Regula Falsi
11	Feb. 22	Root Finding. Open Methods: Newton-Raphson, Fixed Point Iteration
12	Feb. 27	Root Finding. Open Methods: Wegstein and Modified Secant Method
13	Mar. 1	Root Finding. Brent's Method
14	Mar. 6	Optimization. Single Variable.
15	Mar. 8	Optimization. Multivariable.
	Mar. 13	<i>Spring Break.</i>
	Mar. 15	<i>Spring Break.</i>
16	Mar. 20	<b>Midterm Exam.</b>
17	Mar. 22	Numerical Integration: Trapezoidal Rule and Newton-Cotes Formulas
18	Mar. 27	Numerical Integration: Simpson 1/3 and 3/8
19	Mar. 29	Numerical Integration of Functions
20	Apr. 3	Binary Numbers
21	Apr. 5	Roundoff and Truncation Errors
22	Apr. 10	Roundoff and Truncation Errors
23	Apr. 12	Numerical Differentiation
24	Apr. 17	Initial Value Problems: Euler's Method and Improvements
25	Apr. 19	Initial Value Problems: Runge-Kutta Methods
26	Apr. 24	Initial Value Problems: Systems of Equations
27	Apr. 26	Boundary Value Problems
28	May. 1	Boundary Value Problems for Non-Linear ODEs
	May. 5	Final exams begin
	May. 11	Final exams end

## Important Dates

- Midterm exam: March 20, 2023
- Final exam: between May 5 and 11, 2023
- Withdraw Deadline: April 3, 2023