

### Course Syllabus

1. **Program of Study** Bachelor of Science (Applied Mathematics)  
**College** Mahidol University International College
2. **Course Code** ICMA 331  
**Course Title** Special Functions
3. **Number of Credits** 4( 4-0-8 ) (Lecture-Lab-Self study)
4. **Prerequisite** ICMA 214
5. **Type of Course** Elective Course
6. **Session / Academic year** 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester/every academic year
7. **Course Conditions** Number of students is 20-30.
8. **Course Description**  
Orthogonal polynomials, gamma functions, beta functions, hypergeometric functions, Legendre functions, spherical harmonics in p dimensions, Bessel functions.
9. **Course Objectives**  
After successful completion of this course, students will be able to
  - 9.1 understand number of functions;
  - 9.2 apply such functions in related area.

### 10. Course Outline

Week	Topics	Hours			Instructor
		Lecture	Lab	Self study	
1-2	Orthogonal polynomials	8	-	16	
3	Gamma and beta functions	4	-	8	
4-5	Hypergeometric functions,	6	-	16	
5	<b>Midterm Exam</b>	2	-	4	
6-7	Legendre functions	8	-	16	
8-9	Spherical harmonics in p dimensions	8	-	16	
10-11	Bessel functions	6	-	16	
11	Review	2	-	4	
<b>Final Examination</b>					
<b>Total</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>88</b>	

### 11. Teaching Methods

Lecturing and problem solving.

### 12. Teaching Media

Text and handouts.

### 13. Measurement and Evaluation of Student Achievement

Student achievement is measured and evaluated by

- 13.1 The ability to explain the number of functions;

13.2 The ability to apply such functions in related area.  
Student's achievement will be graded according to the college and university standard using the symbols: A, B+, B, C+, C, D+, D and F.

Ratio of mark	
Homework	20%
Midterm examination	40%
Final examination	40%

#### **14. Course evaluation**

- 14.1 Students' achievement as indicated in number 13 above.
- 14.2 Students' satisfaction towards teaching and learning of the course using questionnaires.

#### **15. References**

- 15.1 Hochstadt H. The functions of mathematical physics. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc.; 1971.
- 15.2 Andrews GE, Askew R, Rog R. Special functions: Cambridge University Press; 1999.

#### **16. Instructors**

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#### **17. Course Coordinator**

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