

Polytechnic Institute of Santarém (Portugal)

Management and Technology School

**ERASMUS**

**APPLIED MATHEMATICS FOR BUSINESS**

**Schedule**

2 hours per week, 15 weeks

Semester 2

**ECTS : 3**

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## **Objective**

The primary objective of applied mathematics for business is to prepare students to subsequent work in other courses and to make them as comfortable as possible in an environment which increasingly makes use of quantitative analysis.

The course will provide an informal and non-intimidating introduction to mathematical principles, techniques, and applications most useful for students in business.

## **Evaluation**

The evaluation will be determined as follows: 20% homeworks and group exercises, and 80% for the final test.

## **Meeting occasions and contact**

We will be present to receive the students in days/hours of our schedule. We can also be contacted at [isabel.duarte@esg.ipsantarem.pt](mailto:isabel.duarte@esg.ipsantarem.pt), [tiago.domingues@esg.ipsantarem.pt](mailto:tiago.domingues@esg.ipsantarem.pt).

## **Languages**

Classes will be lectured in English.

**Erasmus**  
**Applied Mathematics for Business**

**Module I – Introduction to mathematics**

**Linear Equations and Functions**

- Solution of Linear Equations in One Variable
- Functions
- Linear Functions
- Graphs and Graphing Utilities  
Graphs Solutions of Linear Equations
- Solutions of Systems of Linear Equations:  
Three-Variable Systems of Equations
- Applications of Functions in Business and Economics

**Exponential and Logarithmic Functions**

- Exponential Functions
- Logarithmic Functions and Their Properties
- Solution of Exponential Equations;

**Derivatives**

- Limits
- Continuous Functions: Limits at Infinity
- Average and Instantaneous Rates of Change: The Derivative
- The Product Rule and the Quotient Rule
- Higher-Order Derivatives
- Applications of Derivatives in Business and Economics

**Definite Integrals: Techniques of Integration**

- Area Under a Curve
- The Definite Integral: The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus
- Using Tables of Integrals
- Integration by Parts
- Area Between Two Curves
- Applications of Definite Integrals in Business and Economics

## **Module II – Statistics**

### **Exploratory data analysis**

- Population and sample
- Types of data and variables
- Organization of data
- Location and dispersion measures
- Graphs
- Manipulation of data using SAS Studio

### **Statistical Inference**

- Estimation
- Hypothesis testing: parametric and non-parametric view
- Linear regression
- Applications using SAS Studio

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