Outline of course topics

The numbers in parentheses denote chapters in the official course text (Schaum's Outline Series book on differential geometry).

I. Classical differential geometry of curves

- 0. Partial differentiation (2, 7)
- 1. Cross products (1)
- 2. Parmetrized curves (3)
- 3. Arc length and reparametrization (3)
- 4. Curvature and torsion (4)
- 5. Frenet-Serret Formulas (5, App. I)

II. Topics from linear geometry and multivariable calculus

- 1. Differential forms
- 2. Smooth mappings (6, 7)
- 3. Inverse and implicit function theorems (7)
- 4. Congruence of geometric figures (6)

III. Surfaces in 3-dimensional space

- 1. Mathematical descriptions of surfaces (8)
- 2. Parametrizations of surfaces (8)
- 3. Tangent planes (8)
- 4. The First Fundamental Form (9)
- 5. Surface area (9)
- 6. Curves as surface intersections

IV. Oriented surfaces

- 1. Normal directions and Gauss maps (9)
- 2. The Second Fundamental Form (9)
- 3. Quadratic forms and adjoint transformations
- 4. Normal, Gaussian and mean curvature (9)
- 5. Special classes of surfaces (8, 9)
- 6. Map projections

V. Further topics

- 1. Compatibility equations and the Theorema Egregium (10, 11)
- 2. Fundamental Theorem of Local Surface Theory (App. II)
- 3. Riemannian metrics and hyperbolic geometry (11)