

# MATC58 Preface

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## What is mathematical biology?

"Application of math to biology"

Physics: fluid dynamics of blood

CS: computational biology

Biochemistry: reaction kinetics of molecules of cells

## Mathematical modelling of biology systems

(1) Formulate a model of a biological system

(2) Apply mathematical techniques to understanding model behavior

(3) Interpretation of model to get biological results.

- Discrete time vs. continuous time

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periodical cicadas

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bacterial growth

difference equations

differential equations

- Time and space

ODEs and PDEs

	time - dependence	time - and space - dependence
discrete , , ,	Ordinary difference	partial difference equations

discrete intervals	Ordinary difference equations	Partial difference equations
continuous intervals	ordinary differential equations	partial differential equations

most of our focus