

Course Syllabus
MA 322 020

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Textbook:
“Linear Algebra” 3rd ed. David C. Lay

You will need to read the sections of the textbook as we go along, paying particular attention to examples in the text. I may test you on the text, even if I don’t specifically go over every example in class.

Online, there are lecture notes available to go along with the textbook. These will be especially useful when we start working through examples containing large matrices. I will try to use these as much as possible. You may find it helpful to print out the student handout versions to aid with your note taking in class. These can be found on the website www.laylinalg.com/free_site/index. Click on the button labeled “Transparency Masters” to find the class handouts.

Exams:

There will be two midterm exams each worth 20% and a comprehensive final worth 35%. Missed exams may NOT be made up without a university approved excuse. You must show the appropriate documentation. Exams must be made up within one week of the absence. If you have a conflict with an exam day, let me know. We can try to schedule an earlier time to take the test.

Quizzes:

There will be at least 5 quizzes given throughout the semester. The regularly scheduled quizzes will be given on each Thursday except those on which an exam is given. Pop quizzes may be given on any day. I will drop 1 quiz grade. Your quiz scores will account for 20% of your final grade.

Homework:

Homework will be assigned for each section covered. It will not be collected and graded, but you may use your own handwritten assignments to assist you during the quizzes. We will have some class discussion of homework problems, so come prepared to explain your answers to the class. It is very important to keep up with the homework problems. Many of the topics build on previous topics, so you need to be prepared for class each day.

Attendance and Class Participation:

5% of your final grade will be based on attendance and class participation. I do not take attendance every day, but you will lose these points if you repeatedly miss without an excuse. I will also expect you to be involved in the discussion of homework problems. Of course you may not know the answers every time, but you need to participate when you can.

Important dates:

June 18	Last day to drop
June 28	Exam 1
July 4	Holiday
July 19	Exam 2
August 2	Final Exam