
General Course Information

Ponderation:	3-2-3
Prerequisite:	Good standing in High school or CEGEP Functions or equivalent. Note, however, that the majority of the students who take this course have already passed Calculus I and Calculus II, so they exhibit a fair degree of mathematical maturity.
Text:	<i>Elementary Linear Algebra (Abridged 10th edition)</i> by H. Anton.
References:	1. <i>Linear Algebra with Applications</i> by W.K. Nicholson. 2. <i>Linear Algebra – Ideas and Applications</i> by R.C. Penney.
Methodology:	Lectures and problem solving sessions.
Department Website:	For final examinations from previous years and other useful information consult the departmental website: https://www.dawsoncollege.qc.ca/mathematics/
Math Tutorial Room:	Volunteer math teachers are available for help in room 7B.1. The schedule of available teachers is available on the door of the tutorial room and the department website.

Evaluation

Standard of Performance:	In order to pass this course the student must obtain a final grade of at least 60%.
Grading Policy:	The final grade shall consist of the greater of: (A) Termwork for 50% and Final Examination for 50% of final grade (B) Termwork for 25% and Final Examination for 75% of final grade
Termwork:	The term grade is based on a minimum of $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours of tests/quizzes.
Final Examination:	The Final Examination will be a supervised, comprehensive examination held during the formal examination period.
Calculators:	Students are only permitted to use the Sharp EL-531XG or EL-531X calculator during tests and examinations.
Formula Sheets:	No formula sheet will be permitted for quizzes, class tests and the Final Examination.
Further information:	The <i>Institutional Student Evaluation Policy (ISEP)</i> is designed to promote equitable and effective evaluation of student learning and is therefore a crucial policy to read and understand. The policy describes the rights and obligations of students, faculty, departments, programs, and the College administration with regard to evaluation in all your courses, including grade reviews and resolution of academic grievance. ISEP is available on the Dawson website.

Course Objectives, Competencies, and Performance Criteria

Objectives: This course includes the study of systems of linear equations and elementary operations, matrices and determinants, vectors, lines, planes and vector spaces. For more details, see Dawson Science Program.

Competencies: This course will allow the student to fully achieve the competency “**00UQ**: To apply the methods of linear algebra and vector geometry to problem solving.” and contributes to the partial achievement of the competency “**00UU**: To apply what they have learned to one or more subjects in the sciences”.

Elements of the competency **00UQ**:

1. To express concrete problems as linear equations.
2. To solve systems of linear equations using matrices.
3. To establish connections between geometry and algebra.
4. To determine the equation of geometric loci (straight lines and planes) and find their intersections.
5. To calculate angles, lengths, areas and volumes.
6. To demonstrate propositions.
7. To make two – and three – dimensional drawings of loci.

Performance criteria (**00UQ**):

- Proper use of concepts.
- Representation of situations in terms of vectors and matrices.
- Correct application of algorithms.
- Correct solution of systems of linear equations.
- Adequate representation of loci.
- Justification of the steps in the solution.
- Algebraic operations in conformity with rules.
- Accuracy of calculations.
- Correct interpretation of results.
- Use of appropriate terminology.

Elements of the competency **00UU**:

1. Recognize the contribution of more than one scientific discipline to certain situations.
2. Apply the experimental method.
3. Solve problems.
4. Use data-processing technologies.
5. Reason logically.
6. Communicate effectively.
7. Show evidence of independent learning in their choice of documentation or laboratory instruments.
8. Work as members of a team.
9. Make connections between science, technology and social progress.

Performance criteria (**00UU**):

- Use of an interdisciplinary approach
- Consistency and rigour in problem-solving, and justification of the approach used
- Observance of the experimental method and, where applicable, the experimental procedure
- Clarity and precision in oral and written communication
- Correct use of the appropriate data-processing technology
- Appropriate choice of documents or laboratory instruments
- Significant contribution to the team
- Appropriate connections between science, technology and social progress

Students' Obligations

- a. Students have an obligation to arrive on time and remain in the classroom for the duration of scheduled classes and activities. Attendance is recommended for the successful completion of the course. *Students should refer to ISEP (Section III-C) regarding attendance.*
- b. Students have an obligation to write tests and final examinations at the times scheduled by the teacher or the College. Students have an obligation to inform themselves of, and respect, College examination procedures.
- c. Students have an obligation to show respectful behavior and appropriate classroom deportment. Should a student be disruptive and/or disrespectful, the teacher has the right to exclude the disruptive student from learning activities (classes) and may refer the case to the Director of Student Services under the Student Code of Conduct.
- d. Electronic/communication devices (including cell phones, mp3 players, etc.) have the effect of disturbing the teacher and other students. All these devices must be turned off and put away. Students who do not observe these rules will be asked to leave the classroom.

Everyone has the right to a safe and non-violent environment. *Students are obliged to conduct themselves as stated in the Student Code of Conduct and in the ISEP section on the roles and responsibilities of students (Section II-D).*

College and Department Policies

Policy on Cheating and Plagiarism

Cheating in Examinations, Tests, and Quizzes:

Cheating includes any dishonest or deceptive practice relative to formal final examinations, in-class tests, or quizzes. Such cheating is discoverable during or after the exercise in the evaluation process by the instructor. Such cheating includes, but is not limited to

- a. copying or attempting to copy another's work.
- b. obtaining or attempting to obtain unauthorized assistance of any kind.
- c. providing or attempting to provide unauthorized assistance of any kind.
- d. using or possessing any unauthorized material or instruments which can be used as information storage and retrieval devices.
- e. taking an examination, test, or quiz for someone else.
- f. having someone take an examination, test, or quiz in one's place.

Unauthorized Communication:

Unauthorized communication of any kind during an examination, test, or quiz is forbidden and subject to the same penalties as cheating.

Plagiarism on Assignments and the Comprehensive Assessment:

Plagiarism is the presentation or submission by a student of another person's assignments or Comprehensive Assessment as his or her own. Students who permit their work to be copied are considered to be as guilty as the plagiarizer.

Obligation of the Teacher:

Every instance of cheating or plagiarism leading to a resolution that impacts on a student's grade must be reported by the teacher, with explanation, in writing to the Chair of Mathematics and to the Dean of Pre-University Studies. A copy of this report must also be given to the student.

Penalties:

Cheating and plagiarism are considered extremely serious academic offences. Action in response to an incident of cheating and plagiarism is within the authority of the teacher. Penalties may range from zero on a test, to failure of the course, to suspension or expulsion from the college.

According to ISEP (Section IV-C), the teacher is required to report all cases of cheating and plagiarism affecting a student's grade to the Sector Dean.

Literacy Policy

Problem solving is an essential component of this course. Students will be expected to analyze problems stated in words, to present their solutions logically and coherently, and to display their answers in a form corresponding to the statement of the problem, including appropriate units of measurement. Marks will be deducted for work which is inadequate in their respects, even though the answers may be numerically correct.

Intensive Course Conflicts and Policy on Religious Observances

Students who intend to observe religious holidays or who take intensive courses ***must inform their teachers in writing within the first two weeks of classes***, as prescribed in ISEP. A form for this purpose is available at the end of this document.

ISEP Statement on Intensive Courses (Appendix 1):

Students have an obligation to make arrangements in advance to meet the requirements of any classes missed as a result of taking an intensive course which forces them to be absent from their regularly scheduled course offerings. Students who take intensive courses may be subject to penalties for missing laboratories or tests prescribed in the course outline.

ISEP Policy on Religious Observances (Section III-D):

Students who wish to observe religious holidays must also inform each of their teachers in writing within the first two weeks of each semester of their intent to observe the holiday so that alternative arrangements convenient to both the student and the teacher can be made at the earliest opportunity. The written notice must be given even when the exact date of the holiday is not known until later. Students who make such arrangements will not be required to attend classes or take examinations on the designated days, nor be penalized for their absence.

It must be emphasized, however, that this College policy should not be interpreted to mean that a student can receive credit for work not performed. It is the student's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of the alternative arrangement.

Course Content

Specific Competencies	Learning Activities & Topics	Sections and Problems
Systems of Linear Equations (5 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solving systems of linear equations using Gaussian elimination and Gauss-Jordan elimination. Properties of matrices and matrix algebra. Definition of matrix inverse and more matrix algebra. Properties of elementary matrices, finding inverse matrices. Theorems on invertibility and solutions of systems. Diagonal, triangular and symmetric matrices. 	§1.1 prob 1-17, T-F §1.2 prob 1-32, 35, 36, 37-42,T-F §1.3 prob 1-17 (odd), 19- 23,27- 30, T-F §1.4 prob 4-10,14-17,21, 25-42,51-55,T-F §1.5 prob 1-32, 35, 37-43, T-F §1.6 prob 1-23, T-F §1.7 prob 1-28,32-39, T-F Supp. Ex. 8-15, 17-21
The Determinant Function (2 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating determinants by cofactor expansion. Evaluating determinants by row reduction. Investigating properties of the determinant function. Finding inverses using the adjoint. Solving systems of linear equations using Cramer's Rule 	§2.1 prob 1-39, T-F §2.2 prob 1-17 19-36,T-F §2.3 prob 3,5,7-39,T-F Supp. Ex. 16, 31, 32,33
Euclidean vectors spaces (4 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The geometric definition of a vector, component notation for a vector. Norm of a vector, vector arithmetic. The dot product, vector projections, and applications. Lines and Planes in Space. The cross product and its properties and applications. The Scalar Triple Product and applications. The following additional topics are covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculations of distance: between 2 skew lines. Near point problems: the closest point on a plane to a point, the closest point on a line to a point. Additional problems on lines, planes, distances, and near points will be provided.	§3.1 prob 1-31(odd), T-F §3.2 prob 1-27 (odd), T-F §3.3 prob 1-40 (odd), T-F §3.4 prob 1-25 (odd), T-F §3.5 prob 1-35, T-F
Vector Spaces (3 weeks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vector space axioms, some properties of vectors. Subspaces, linear combinations of vectors, spanning. Linear Independence. Basis and dimension. 	§4.1 prob. 2-13,16-23, T-F §4.2 prob. 1-5, 7-19, T-F §4.3 prob. 1-10, 13,15,16, T-F §4.4 prob. 1-13 §4.5 prob 1-11, 14

In addition, a Maple exercise module will be available for students, it contain problems on matrices, determinants, vector operations and row reduction. A few optional exercises on eigenvalues and eigenvectors are also included.

Disclaimer: These problems are intended for students to assess whether or not they have mastered the competencies of the course. Questions on tests and examinations should cover similar material but need not be in direct correspondence with the suggested homework.

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE & INTENSIVE COURSES FORM

Students who intend to observe religious holidays or who take intensive courses must inform their teachers in writing as prescribed in the ISEP Policy on Religious Observance (ISEP Section III-D).

The following form must be submitted within the first two weeks of classes.

Name: _____

Student Number: _____

Course: _____

Teacher: _____

Date	Description
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