

MA432: LINEAR ALGEBRA

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Class Time:	Tu,Th: 3:45PM – 5:00PM	Class Venue:	Bldg COAS Rm. 102
Office Hours (OH):	M,F: 1:00PM – 2:00PM	OH Venue:	Room 301.26, COAS.

Topics Included: Vector and matrix operations including matrix inverses, eigenvectors, and eigenvalues. Equations of lines and planes, vector spaces including basis and dimensions, linear transformations, change of basis, diagonalization of matrices, inner products and orthonormal bases, applications.

Why this course: The concepts that you learn in this course can be utilized to solve problems in applied mathematics and data sciences/machine learning. Some of the applications include: signal processing, computer vision, control theory, deep learning, computer animation and pattern recognition etc.

Text Book: *Linear Algebra and Its Applications* by David C. Lay, Steven R. Lay, and Judi J. McDonald, Sixth Edition, Published by Pearson

Attendance: I will take attendance in every class. I encourage you to participate in class activities because attendance is usually found to be heavily correlated with the course grade. Additionally, a portion of the course grade depends on class participation, making attendance very important. You are expected to be attentive to the Canvas site for any announcements, and to keep track of your grades.

Calculators: You can use a scientific calculator to work on in-class problems. Graphing calculators are not allowed on quizzes and tests.

Grading: Your grade will be determined as:

1. Homework: 25%
2. Quizzes: 15%
3. Tests: 30%
4. Final Project: 20%
5. Attendance/Class participation: 10%

The grading scale will follow the standard scale

A: 90% - 100%

B: 80% - 89.5%

C: 70% - 79.5%

D: 60% - 69.5%

F: <60%

However, based on class performance, I might curve the grading scale later.

Homework: Your homework grade is determined based on four homeworks. Apart from the homeworks, I will post a list of additional questions from your textbook. Please note that the additional questions will not be graded. You are expected to work on those questions to achieve proficiency in the material. **Please note that homeworks are only acceptable on canvas and not on email.** The course will implement the following late submission policy

- Late by less than 1 day, i.e. 24 hours (-20 points)
- Late between 1 day and 2 days (-40 points)
- Late between 2 day and 3 days (-60 points)
- Late between 3 day and 4 days (-80 points)
- Late by greater than 4 days (Not acceptable)

Quizzes and Tests: You will have 4 quizzes and 2 tests. Make-ups on any of these exams may be allowed only for valid extenuating circumstances when I am informed before the exam takes place – please see me about conflicts as soon as they occur. **In case you are missing an exam, it is your responsibility to schedule a makeup exam with me within one week of the actual exam date. After that makeup exam is not possible.**

Final Project: During the semester you will be supervised to work on a computer-based project which combines classroom materials and real-world applications. The project is the final classroom assignment. I will assign the project in the second half of the semester and you are expected to work individually on it. I will announce guidelines, and rubric in due course.

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