

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
COURSE INFORMATION FOR MATH 3333–002
Linear Algebra I
Spring 2016

Mon, Wed & Fri at 1:30 – 2:20 pm, PHSC room 323

URL: <http://www2.math.ou.edu/~rtang/teaching/math3333s16/>

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Prerequisites: MATH 2433 or MATH 2924.

Text: *Linear Algebra*, by J. Hefferon, 25 Dec 2014 version. Freely available at <http://joshua.smcvt.edu/linearalgebra/>

Grading: Grades will be based on weighted scores as follows:

Homework	25%
Midterm 1 (Fri 19 February)	15%
Midterm 2 (Mon 21 March)	15%
Midterm 3 (Fri 14 April)	15%
Final Exam (Mon 9 May)	30%
Total	100%

After each exam is complete, approximate cutoffs for the letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) will be announced. The overall grade cutoffs will be computed as a weighted average of the individual cutoffs.

Exams: There will be three midterm exams, given during the regular lecture period. The Final examination will be held in the usual lecture room on Monday, 9 May at 8am – 10am. University regulations require that you take it at that time.

Attendance and make-up exams: Class attendance is expected but will not be recorded. Make-up exams will only be allowed with a valid excuse,

and must be taken within a few days of the set exam date. Contact me as soon as possible in order to make arrangements.

Homework: Weekly homeworks are due at the *beginning* of Friday classes starting from Week 2. In order to get a good grade on your homework, you must show correct working and reasoning. Conversely, if you arrive at the correct answer with little indication of working, you will receive very few points. Please put in an effort to ensure that your homework is presentable and can be easily read.

In addition, there will be other questions assigned for practice – you do not need to submit these. However, a substantial amount of practice should be considered the minimum necessary to gain a thorough understanding of the course material. In other words, doing *only* the assigned homeworks will not provide adequate preparation for the exams.

You are responsible for ensuring that your homework gets turned in on time. Late homework will not be accepted; it upsets the grading process and is unfair to other students. Homework must be stapled, and must have your **name, student ID, homework number** and **section number** stated clearly on the top of the first page. You are allowed (even encouraged) to work in small groups. However, you will need to prepare individual written solutions.

Some important dates:

- (1) First day of classes: Tuesday, January 19, 2016.
- (2) Martin Luther King Day (no classes): Monday, January 18, 2016
- (3) Last day to withdraw with an automatic *W*: Friday, April 1, 2016 for undergraduate students and Friday, February 26, 2016 for graduate students.
- (4) Last day to withdraw without petition to the Dean: Friday, April 1, 2016 (for graduate students a *W/F* grade is assigned for withdrawals processed during the period February 29–April 1).
- (5) Spring break (no classes): March 14–18, 2016.
- (6) Last day of classes: Friday, May 6, 2016.
- (7) Final exam: Monday, May 9, 2016

Policy on W/I grades:

Through the end of the sixth week of the semester, students can withdraw from the course with an automatic *W*. Between the seventh and tenth weeks of the semester, undergraduate students can continue to withdraw with an automatic *W*, but graduate students must obtain the instructor's signature on the University's "drop form" to withdraw from the course, and along with the signature the instructor must indicate whether the student is passing or failing at the time of the withdrawal. After the tenth week of the semester, all students can only withdraw via petition to the Dean of their college. The petition process also requires the instructor's signature with a passing-failing indication at the time the petition is filed. Note that a "failing" indication on the petition means that even if the petition is approved, the grade in the course will be weighted in the GPA as an *F*.

The grade of *I* is not intended to serve as a benign substitute for the grade of *F*, and is only given if a student has completed the majority of the work in the course at a passing level (for example everything except the final exam), the course work cannot be completed because of compelling and verifiable problem beyond the student's control, and the student expresses a clear intention of making up the missed work as soon as possible. Moreover, current University policies require that instructors and the affected students execute a written "Incomplete Contract" before a grade of *I* can be given. The contract makes clear: (1) what work is to be made up; (2) when the make-up work must be completed (which cannot be more than one calendar year from the assignment of the *I*); and (3) *what alternative grade will be assigned if the make-up work is not completed*. If the make-up work specified in the contract is not made up within one calendar year, then the alternative grade specified in the contract will be entered on the student's transcript. Thus the *I* grade does not become permanent on the transcript if it is not made up within one year.

Academic misconduct: All cases of suspected academic misconduct will be reported to the Office of Academic Integrity Programs as possible violations of University's Academic Integrity Code. If the violation is confirmed by the Academic Integrity Program's Office, the penalties can be quite severe, so the best advice is **Don't do it!** For more details on the University's policies concerning academic misconduct consult the link

http://integrity.ou.edu/students_guide.html

This link also has information about admonitions (essentially warnings about potential misconduct for fairly minor infractions) and your rights to appeal charges of academic misconduct.

Students are also bound by the provisions of the *OU Student Code*, which can be found at

<http://judicial.ou.edu/content/view/27/32/>

Students with disabilities: The University of Oklahoma is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations in this course are requested to speak with the instructor as early in the semester as possible. Students with disabilities must be registered with the Office of Disability Services prior to receiving accommodations in this course. The Office of Disability Services is located in Goddard Health Center, Suite 166: phone 405-325-3852 or TDD (only) 405-325-4173.