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Office hours: W 9:40–10:35am and F 1:05–2:00pm

1. Pandemic-related logistics

This class was originally scheduled to be “hybrid synchronous”, but has since changed to “all-online”. Honestly I think this will be easier (and obviously safer) for everyone involved. You can watch the lectures live on Zoom, and participate, or you can watch the recordings on your own time. I am very on-top of emails, and I encourage you to email me anytime you have a question (I know online lectures are sometimes not that conducive to people piping up with questions during the lecture).

2. Zoom logistics

The current plan is, I’ll send an email with the Zoom link before each class, so just pay attention to your email. If a better logistical plan emerges over the course of the semester I’ll let you know. The lectures will be recorded and my understanding is the recordings can be accessed via Zoom (if it turns out to be better for me to upload them to YouTube or something, this can change, but for now look at Zoom to find recorded lectures).

3. Office hours

Office hours will be W 9:40–10:35am and F 1:05–2:00pm. If you want to “come” to office hours, email me and I’ll send you a Zoom link. Office hours will not be recorded.

4. Textbook

David C. Lay, with Steven R. Lay and Judi J. McDonald, Linear Algebra and Its Applications, 5th edition, Pearson, 2016. (Note this is the 5th edition, not the brand new 6th edition, which I don’t have a copy of.)

You have the option to buy the textbook together with access to MyMathLab – the online homework and grading system used for this course – or to buy only the access to MyMathLab. Access to MyMathLab includes access to an electronic version of the textbook.

5. Course description

“Linear equations, matrices, determinants, finite dimensional vector spaces, linear transformations, Euclidean spaces."

6. Prerequisites

AMAT 113 or equivalent (Calculus II).
7. Homework

Homework will be done online via the MyMathLab program. You'll need to get access (see above). Assignments will be due every Friday at 5:00pm (any deviations from this will be announced ahead of time). No homework is due during the first week of class. The lowest homework will be dropped. In order to enroll in our course in MyMathLab you will need the course ID, which is zaremsky12105

Instructions on how to register are [here].

8. Exams

There will be a midterm exam and a final exam (take-home, obviously). They’ll be done asynchronously, since lots of people are in different time zones.

9. Grading policy

Homework: 40%, Midterm: 20%, Final Exam: 30%, “Participation”: 10%.

10. Make-up policy

There will be no late homework accepted for any reason (it will be posted so far in advance that this will not be an issue, and I’ll drop the lowest one). Once the exam dates are posted, if you know in advance you will need a make-up exam (and you have a legitimate reason: see [here]) let me know as soon as possible and we’ll work something out. You’ll have lots of time to do the (asynchronous) exams though, so make-ups will likely not be necessary.

11. Academic integrity

See [here] for information about academic integrity. I should draw your attention to the part that says, “student claims of ignorance, unintentional error, or personal or academic pressures cannot be excuses for violation of academic integrity.”