Syllabus
Linear Algebra
MATH 2418.501
MW 7:00-8:15 p.m.
FN 2.104
Spring 2005

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Text Book: Elementary Linear Algebra by Howard Anton (eighth edition).

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Prerequisite: MATH 2419 or consent of instructor.

Corequisite: Students must be enrolled in one of the problem sessions 2418.801 or 2418.803.

Teaching Assistant: Lena Lasater

Course Description
The main goal of the course is the presentation of some fundamental techniques of linear algebra. The concepts of vector spaces, matrices, determinants, inverses, eigenvalues and eigenvectors will be developed.

Chapter 1: Systems of Linear Equations and Matrices (sections 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4 1.5, 1.6 and 1.7)

Chapter 2: Determinants (sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4).

Chapter 3: Vectors in 2-Space and 3-Space (sections.3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.5).

Chapter 4: Euclidean Vector Spaces (sections.4.1, 4.2, and 4.3).

Chapter 5: General Vector Spaces (sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5 and 5.6).

Chapter 6: Inner Product Spaces (6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5).

Chapter 7: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors (sections. 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3).

Chapter 8: Linear Transformations (sections.8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, and 8.5) as time permits.

Examinations
There will be two regular examinations in the regular classroom and a final examination in a different location. NO MAKE-UPS. Missed exams are a zero. See below for dates and the calculation of grades. Graphing calculators will NOT be allowed: only non-alpha display scientific calculators are permitted.

All students are expected to take the examinations at the announced time. Cheating will NOT be tolerated. Students are required to inform the lecturer of suspected honor code violations. On all problems, you must show your work. No work, no credit (even for correct answers). In general, there will be no make up exams or quizzes. There will be no incompletes except in the direst of situations.

Problem Assignment:
Problems will be assigned on a regular basis. Answers to most of these problems are given at the back of the textbook. Complete solutions to many of these problems may be found in the Solutions Manual which is on reserve at the library (and may be available in the bookstore). You should work several problems of each type, and working more than the class assignments is strongly encouraged. Do not use the solutions at the back of the textbook before you have exhausted all possibilities (including asking the TA and the instructor). Most of these problems will be discussed in the problem sections.

Problem Sessions and quizzes
During each of the problem solving meetings a quiz will be given, lasting about 15-20 minutes. There will be a total of approximately 10 quizzes. The TA conducting each section will answer questions on the assignments, supply additional background material, discuss the previous quiz, comment on your exams, and may ask you to work problems. Occasionally, the problem section may be used to remind you of the material covered in previous courses and deemed essential to the present course. At times you are strongly encouraged to ask questions during these problem sections.

Calculation of Grade
Each quiz is worth 25 points. The lowest two quiz scores will be dropped. The remaining quizzes are counted and converted to a percentage, giving a possible total of 100 points. Each regular examination is worth 100 points. Only the best two scores from the quiz total or the regular exams will be used in the grade calculation, giving a possible total of 200 points. (In other words, the lowest of the three scores is dropped.) The comprehensive final examination counts as two exams, and is worth 200 points. This score cannot be dropped.

Grade Scale
[97,100] A+
[93,97) A
[90,93) A-
[87,90) B+
[83,87) B
[80,83) B-

[77,80) C+
[73,77) C
[70,73) C-
[65,70) D+
[60,65) D
[55,60) D-
[0, 55) F

Midterm grades for Freshmen
Midterm grades must be computed for all freshmen. This grade will be computed in the following manner:
Average of all quizzes up to this time (no drops) 50%
Average of all exams up to this time (no drops) 50%

Important Dates

Monday January 10th: First class day

Monday January 17th: University Holiday

Wednesday January 26th: Census day (last day to drop w/o WF or WP)

March 7th to 12th: University Holiday

Wednesday February 9th: Exam I (subject to change)

Monday February 14th: First day to withdraw with WP or WF

Monday March 14th: Last day to withdraw with WP or WF

Wednesday March 23rd: Exam II (subject to change)

Monday April 25th: Last day of class

Monday May 2nd: Comprehensive Final 7:00 p.m. - 9:45 p.m.