

# Syllabus

Title	Introduction to Linear Algebra
Number	MATH 3310-201
Time	TR 3:30–4:45
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Institution	Texas A&M International University
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**Course description.** Introduction to linear transformations and matrices; vector spaces, vector operations. Prerequisite: MATH 2415

**Student learning outcomes.** Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- sketch the sum, difference and linear combinations of two or more given vectors, sketch a (two- or three-dimensional) vector with given components, and compute the components of a vector given as an arrow in an affine space;
- write the parametric form and normal form of the equation of a line or of a plane and use them for problem solving;
- using the Gauss-Jordan Elimination method, solve a system of linear equations (namely find a parametric representation of the solution space) or find the dimension and bases of the subspace spanned by a set of vectors. In particular, compute the rank and nullity of a matrix and describe the kernel and range of a linear transformation;
- determine whether the product of two given matrices or the powers of a matrix are defined; or whether the inverse of a matrix exists, and when it is defined/exists, compute it and interpret it;
- describe the linear transformation defined by a given matrix with respect to given bases. Conversely, given a description of a linear transformation, compute its matrix with respect to given bases. In particular, given the matrix of a linear transformation with respect to a certain pair of bases, compute the matrix of a linear transformation with respect to another pair of bases (“change of basis”);
- compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of a matrix, and determine whether the matrix is diagonalizable; and
- perform the Gram-Schmidt process to orthogonalize a basis of a vector space, and use it to compute the orthogonal complement of a subspace or the orthogonal projection of a vector onto a subspace.

**Textbook.** Required: Introduction to Linear Algebra, 5th edition, by Gilbert Strang. ISBN-13: 9780980232776.

**Calculator.** Recommended: A calculator with linear algebra capabilities including RREF, LU, QR, and eigenvalues. (examples: TI-89 Titanium or TI-Nspire CX CAS).

**Come to class prepared:**

- Watch the assigned lecture video:  
<https://ocw.mit.edu/courses/mathematics/18-06-linear-algebra-spring-2010/video-lectures/>
- Read the assigned textbook sections.
- Bring your textbook, some paper, a pencil, and your calculator.

I'm generally not going to give you a lecture in class. Instead, we're going to discuss any questions you have and work through exercises.

**Tests:**

- Problems will be similar to those done in class.
- Unlimited notes and books are allowed for tests.
- A calculator is strongly recommended.
- Phones/tablets/laptops are not allowed.

**Grading.** Letter grades (which may include +/- modifiers) for each test. These grades will be converted to GPA scores and then averaged according to the following weights: Test 1: 25%; Test 2: 25%; Test 3: 25%; final exam: 25%.  $A, B, C, D, F = 4, 3, 2, 1, 0$ ;  $\pm = \pm 0.3$ . The final grade reported to the registrar will not include  $\pm$ .

**Make-ups.** There are no make-ups for missed work, except by situations covered by university rules. (See the Student Handbook and attached Policies of the College of Arts and Sciences.)

day		date	video	topics	book section
1	R	Jan 19		introduction	
2	T	Jan 24	1	geometry of linear equations	1.1-2.1
3	R	Jan 26	2	elimination with matrices	2.2-3
4	T	Jan 31	3	multiplication and inverse matrices	2.4-5
5	R	Feb 02	4	factorization into $A=LU$	2.6
6	T	Feb 07	5	transposes, permutations, subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$	2.7-3.1
7	R	Feb 09		review 1	
8	T	Feb 14		<b>test 1: 1.1--2.7</b>	
9	R	Feb 16	6	column space and nullspace	3.1
10	T	Feb 21	7	solving $Ax=0$ ; pivot variables; special solutions	3.2
11	R	Feb 23	8	solving $Ax=b$ ; row reduced echelon form	3.3
12	T	Feb 28	9	independence, basis, and dimension	3.4
13	R	Mar 02	10	The four fundamental subspaces	3.5
14	T	Mar 07	14	orthogonal vectors and subspaces	4.1
15	R	Mar 09	15	projections onto subspaces	4.2
16	T	Mar 21		review 2	
17	R	Mar 23		<b>test 2: 3.1--4.2</b>	
18	T	Mar 28	16	projection matrices and least squares	4.3
19	R	Mar 30	17	orthogonal matrices and Gram-Schmidt	4.4
20	T	Apr 04	18	properties of determinants	5.1
21	R	Apr 06	19	determinant formulas and cofactors	5.2
22	T	Apr 11	20	Cramer's rule, inverse matrix, and volume	5.3
23	R	Apr 13	21	eigenvalues and eigenvectors	6.1
24	T	Apr 18	22	diagonalization	6.2
25	R	Apr 20		review 3	
26	T	Apr 25		<b>test 3: 4.3--6.2</b>	
27	R	Apr 27	23	differential equations	6.3
28	T	May 02	30	linear transformations	8.1-2
29	R	May 04		final review	
				<b>comprehensive final exam</b>	

# Policies of the College of Arts and Sciences

(Required on all COAS Syllabi / Last Revised: January 17, 2017)

## Classroom Behavior

The College of Arts and Sciences encourages classroom discussion and academic debate as an essential intellectual activity. It is essential that students learn to express and defend their beliefs, but it is also essential that they learn to listen and respond respectfully to others whose beliefs they may not share. The College will always tolerate diverse, unorthodox, and unpopular points of view, but it will not tolerate condescending or insulting remarks. When students verbally abuse or ridicule and intimidate others whose views they do not agree with, they subvert the free exchange of ideas that should characterize a university classroom. If their actions are deemed by the professor to be disruptive, they will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action, which may include being involuntarily withdrawn from the class.

## Plagiarism and Cheating

Plagiarism is the presentation of someone else's work as your own. It occurs when you:

- 1) **Borrow** someone else's facts, ideas, or opinions and put them entirely in your own words, you must acknowledge that these thoughts are not your own by immediately citing the source in your paper. Failure to do this is plagiarism.
- 2) **Borrow** someone else's words (short phrases, clauses, or sentences), you must enclose the copied words in quotation marks as well as citing the source. Failure to do this is plagiarism.
- 3) **Present** someone else's paper or exam (stolen, borrowed, or bought) as your own, you have committed a clearly intentional form of intellectual theft and have put your academic future in jeopardy. This is the worst form of plagiarism.

Here is another explanation from the 2010, sixth edition of the *Manual of The American Psychological Association* (APA):

*Plagiarism:* Researchers do not claim the words and ideas of another as their own; they give credit where credit is due. Quotations marks should be used to indicate the exact words of another. *Each* time you paraphrase another author (i.e., summarize a passage or rearrange the order of a sentence and change some of the words), you need to credit the source in the text.

The key element of this principle is that authors do not present the work of another as if it were their own words. This can extend to ideas as well as written words. If authors model a study after one done by someone else, the originating author should be given credit. If the rationale for a study was suggested in the Discussion section of someone else's article, the person should be given credit. Given the free exchange of ideas, which is very important for the health of intellectual discourse, authors may not know where an idea for a study originated. If authors do know, however, they should acknowledge the source; this includes personal communications. (pp. 15-16)

Consult the Writing Center or a recommended guide to documentation and research such as the *Manual of the APA* or the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* for guidance on proper documentation. If you still have doubts concerning proper documentation, seek advice from your instructor prior to submitting a final draft.

- **Penalties for Plagiarism:** Should a faculty member discover that a student has committed plagiarism, the student should receive a grade of 'F' in that course and the matter will be referred to the Honor Council for possible disciplinary action. The faculty member, however, may elect to give freshmen and sophomore students a "zero" for the assignment and to allow them to revise the assignment up to a grade of "F" (50%) if they believe that the student plagiarized out of ignorance or carelessness and not out of an attempt to deceive in order to earn an unmerited grade. This option should not be available to juniors, seniors, or graduate students, who cannot reasonably claim ignorance of documentation rules as an excuse.

- ***Caution:*** Be very careful what you upload to Turnitin or send to your professor for evaluation. Whatever you upload for evaluation will be considered your final, approved draft. If it is plagiarized, you will be held responsible. The excuse that “it was only a draft” will not be accepted.
- ***Caution:*** Also, do not share your electronic files with others. If you do, you are responsible for the possible consequences. If another student takes your file of a paper and changes the name to his or her name and submits it and you also submit the paper, we will hold both of you responsible for plagiarism. It is impossible for us to know with certainty who wrote the paper and who stole it. And, of course, we cannot know if there was collusion between you and the other student in the matter.
- ***Penalties for Cheating:*** Should a faculty member discover a student cheating on an exam or quiz or other class project, the student should receive a “zero” for the assignment and not be allowed to make the assignment up. The incident should be reported to the chair of the department and to the Honor Council. If the cheating is extensive, however, or if the assignment constitutes a major grade for the course (e.g., a final exam), or if the student has cheated in the past, the student should receive an “F” in the course, and the matter should be referred to the Honor Council. Under no circumstances should a student who deserves an “F” in the course be allowed to withdraw from the course with a “W.”
- ***Student Right of Appeal:*** Faculty will notify students immediately via the student’s TAMIU e-mail account that they have submitted plagiarized work. Students have the right to appeal a faculty member’s charge of academic dishonesty by notifying the TAMIU Honor Council of their intent to appeal as long as the notification of appeal comes within 10 business days of the faculty member’s e-mail message to the student. The *Student Handbook* provides more details.

### **Use of Work in Two or More Courses**

You may not submit work completed in one course for a grade in a second course unless you receive explicit permission to do so by the instructor of the second course.

### **UConnect, TAMIU E-Mail, and Dusty Alert**

Personal Announcements sent to students through TAMIU’s UConnect Portal and TAMIU E-mail are the official means of communicating course and university business with students and faculty – not the U.S. Mail and no other e-mail addresses. Students and faculty must check UConnect and their TAMIU e-mail accounts regularly, if not daily. Not having seen an important TAMIU e-mail or UConnect message from a faculty member, chair, or dean is not accepted as an excuse for failure to take important action. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to sign-up for *Dusty Alert* (see [www.tamtu.edu](http://www.tamtu.edu)). *Dusty Alert* is an instant cell phone text-messaging system allowing the university to communicate immediately with you if there is an on-campus emergency, something of immediate danger to you, or a campus closing.

### **Copyright Restrictions**

The Copyright Act of 1976 grants to copyright owners the exclusive right to reproduce their works and distribute copies of their work. Works that receive copyright protection include published works such as a textbook. Copying a textbook without permission from the owner of the copyright may constitute copyright infringement. Civil and criminal penalties may be assessed for copyright infringement. Civil penalties include damages up to \$100,000; criminal penalties include a fine up to \$250,000 and imprisonment.

*Copyright laws do not allow students and professors to make photocopies of copyrighted materials, but you may copy a limited portion of a work, such as an article from a journal or a chapter from a book for your own personal academic use or, in the case of a professor, for personal, limited classroom use. In general, the extent of your copying should not suggest that the purpose or the effect of your copying is to avoid paying for the materials. And, of course, you may not sell these copies for a profit. Thus, students who copy textbooks to avoid buying them or professors who provide photocopies of textbooks to enable students to save money are violating*

*the law.*

## **Students with Disabilities**

Texas A&M International University seeks to provide reasonable accommodations for all qualified persons with disabilities. This University will adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal education opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to register with the Director of Student Counseling and to contact the faculty member in a timely fashion to arrange for suitable accommodations.

## **Student Attendance and Leave of Absence (LOA) Policy**

As part of our efforts to assist and encourage all students towards graduation, TAMIU provides LOA's for students, including pregnant/parenting students, in accordance with the Attendance Rule (Section 3.24) and the Student LOA Rule (Section 3.25), which includes the "Leave of Absence Request" form. Both rules can be found in the TAMIU Student Handbook ([URL: http://www.tamiau.edu/studentaffairs/StudentHandbook1.shtml](http://www.tamiau.edu/studentaffairs/StudentHandbook1.shtml)).

## **Pregnant and Parenting Students**

Under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, harassment based on sex, including harassment because of pregnancy or related conditions, is prohibited. A pregnant/parenting student must be granted an absence for as long as the student's physician deems the absence medically necessary. It is a violation of Title IX to ask for documentation relative to the pregnant/parenting student's status beyond what would be required for other medical conditions. If a student would like to file a complaint for discrimination due to his or her pregnant or parenting status, please contact the TAMIU Title IX Coordinator (Lauren A. Jones, J.D., 5201 University Boulevard, KL 159B, Laredo, TX 78045, TitleIX@tamiau.edu, 956.326.2857) and/or the Office of Civil Rights (Dallas Office, U.S. Department of Education, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 1620, Dallas, TX 75201-6810, 214.661.9600).

The University advises a pregnant or parenting student to notify his or her professor once he or she is aware that accommodations for such will be necessary. It is first recommended that the student and professor attempt to work out the reasonable accommodations with each other. The Office of Student Conduct and Community Engagement (Mayra Hernandez, MGHernandez@tamiau.edu) can assist the student and professor in working out the reasonable accommodations. In the event that a student will need a leave of absence for a substantial period of time from the University, the University urges the student to consider a Leave of Absence as outlined in the Student Handbook. As part of our efforts to assist and encourage all students towards graduation, TAMIU provides LOA's for students, including pregnant/parenting students, in accordance with the Attendance Rule and the Student LOA Rule. Both rules can be found in the TAMIU Student Handbook (<http://www.tamiau.edu/scce/studenthandbook.shtml>).

## **Incompletes**

Students who are unable to complete a course should withdraw from the course before the final date for withdrawal and receive a "W." To qualify for an "incomplete" and thus have the opportunity to complete the course at a later date, a student must meet the following criteria:

- 1) The student must have completed 90% of the course work assigned before the final date for withdrawing from a course with a "W", and the student must be passing the course;
- 2) The student cannot complete the course because an accident, an illness, or a traumatic personal or family event occurred after the final date for withdrawal from a course;
- 3) The student must sign an "Incomplete Grade Contract" and secure signatures of approval from the professor and the college dean.
- 4) The student must agree to complete the missing course work before the end of the next long semester; failure to meet this deadline will cause the "I" to automatically be converted to an "F"; extensions to this deadline may be granted by the dean of the college.

This is the general policy regarding the circumstances under which an “incomplete” may be granted, but under exceptional circumstances, a student may receive an incomplete who does not meet all of the criteria above if the faculty member, department chair, and dean recommend it.

### **WIN Contracts**

WIN Contracts are offered only under exceptional circumstances and are limited to seniors. Only courses offered by full-time TAMIU faculty or TAMIU instructors are eligible to be contracted for the WIN requirement. However, a WIN contract for a course taught by an adjunct may be approved, with special permission from the department chair and dean. Students must seek approval before beginning any work for the WIN Contract. No student will contract more than one course per semester. Summer WIN Contracts must continue through both summer sessions.

### **Student Responsibility for Dropping a Course**

It is the responsibility of the STUDENT to drop the course before the final date for withdrawal from a course. Faculty members, in fact, may not drop a student from a course without getting the approval of their department chair and dean.

### **Independent Study Course**

Independent Study (IS) courses are offered only under exceptional circumstances. Required courses intended to build academic skills may not be taken as IS (e.g., clinical supervision and internships). No student will take more than one IS course per semester. Moreover, IS courses are limited to seniors and graduate students. Summer IS course must continue through both summer sessions.

### **Grade Changes & Appeals**

Faculty are authorized to change final grades only when they have committed a computational error or an error in recording a grade, and they must receive the approval of their department chairs and the dean to change the grade. As part of that approval, they must attach a detailed explanation of the reason for the mistake. Only in rare cases would another reason be entertained as legitimate for a grade change. A student who is unhappy with his or her grade on an assignment must discuss the situation with the faculty member teaching the course. If students believe that they have been graded unfairly, they have the right to appeal the grade using a grade appeal process in the *Student Handbook* and the *Faculty Handbook*.

### **Final Examination**

Final Examination must be comprehensive and must contain a written component. The written component should comprise at least 20% of the final exam grade. Exceptions to this policy must receive the approval of the department chair and the dean at the beginning of the semester.