

MATH 215 (SECT 6) INTRODUCTION TO LINEAR ALGEBRA

Fall 2011 Course Policy

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Course web page: <http://math.arizona.edu/~klin/linear>

Consult the web page for all course information, including homework assignments, office hours, and course calendar.

All course information, including this policy, are subject to change at any time. All changes will be posted to the course web page and announced in class as soon as possible. You are responsible for being aware of these changes.

Required text. *Linear Algebra and Its Applications, Fourth Edition*, by D. C. Lay

Attendance. You are expected to be familiar with the University Class Attendance policy as it appears in the General Catalog. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to keep informed of any announcements, syllabus adjustments, or policy changes. *You must attend the first two classes of the semester. You will be dropped from the course if you do not. If you cannot attend class but wish to stay in this section, contact me now.*

Grading. Your grade will be based on the following:

- *In-classes quizzes (and selected homework)* 15%
- *3 exams* totaling 45%
- *Final exam* 40%

Letter grades will be assigned on the usual scale: A (90 - 100%), B (80 - 89%), C (70 - 79%), D (60 - 69%), E (< 60%).

Quizzes and homework. Written homework from the textbook will be assigned each class and posted to the course web page. In-class quizzes, based on homework problems, will be given once or twice each week. You are expected to know how to solve all assigned homework problems. Generally, *I will not collect homework*, but from time to time I may collect some problems. These will be announced on the course web page, and will count toward the quiz portion of your total. At the end of the semester, I will drop up to 2 quizzes, if it will help your grade.

Exam policy. All quizzes and exams (including the final) are required. I will drop the lowest of the 3 in-class exam scores if it helps your grade. If you miss an exam (including the final) without permission, your score will be 0. Make-up exams may be given under extraordinary circumstances at the discretion of the instructor.

The University's final exam regulations will be strictly followed; see <http://www.registrar.arizona.edu/schedule101/exams/examrules.htm>.

Standard for written work. On quizzes and exams, you are expected to *write clearly and legibly*: If your answer cannot be deciphered, you will not receive credit (even if it may be correct). Unless otherwise stated, you should *show your work and explain what you're doing*. Finally, *partial credit is given only for partially correct solutions*. Points will not be given for reciting random facts.

Academic integrity. You are expected to behave in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct and the Code of Academic Integrity. University policies can be found at <http://deanofstudents.arizona.edu/policiesandcodes> .

Calculators. Graphic calculators are allowed during exams and the final. ALL OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES, INCLUDING (BUT NOT LIMITED TO) LAPTOPS, CELL PHONES, AND MUSIC PLAYERS, ARE PROHIBITED DURING EXAMS.

Disabilities. If you anticipate issues related to the format or requirements of this course, please see me as soon as possible (**no later than Tuesday, 8/31**) to discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If formal, disability-related accommodations are necessary, it is very important that you register with Disability Resources (621-3268; <http://drc.arizona.edu>). Accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis.

Withdrawing. If you withdraw from the course by Sept. 18, the course will be deleted from your enrollment record. If you withdraw by Oct. 14, you will receive a grade of *W*; after this date, the University allows withdraws only with the Dean's signature. Late withdraws will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Requests for late withdraw without a valid reason may or may not be honored.

Incompletes. The grade of *I* will be awarded if *ALL* of the following conditions are met:

1. You have completed all but a small portion of the required work.
2. You have scored at least 50% on the work completed.
3. You have a valid reason for not completing the course on time.
4. You agree to make up the material in a short period of time.
5. You ask for the incomplete before grades are due (which is 48 hours after the scheduled time for the final exam).