

Math 309 Matrix Algebra

Fall 2016

Important details

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Text

Linear Algebra and Its Applications, D.C. Lay, S.R. Lay, and J.J. McDonald, Fifth Edition.

Grades

Contributions to your grade

- 20% Exam 1
- 20% Exam 2
- 20% Written Homework
- 20% Webwork
- 20% Final Exam

Calculation of letter grades

Letter grade cutoffs will be no stricter than the following, including +/-:

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| • 90-100 | A |
| • 80-89.9 | B |
| • 65-79.9 | C |
| • 50-64.5 | D |
| • <50 | F |

Dates to Save

- **Exam 1:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5
- **Exam 2:** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9
- **Final Exam:** 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 15

Course Policies

- Homework: Written homework should be turned in during class on Wednesday, or dropped off at my office door by 4:00 p.m. *Anything turned in late will not be graded!* Each problem

should be clearly written with all appropriate work and problems should be *in order*. The lowest two homework scores will be dropped. The first assignment will be due September 7, with one following every week except for the two exam weeks.

- **Webwork:** Webwork will be due at 11:59 p.m. on Mondays. There will be webwork every week, *including the exam weeks*. The lowest two scores will be dropped.
- **Exams:** The exams will be given on the scheduled evening dates. Make-up exams will not be given after the exams, however, if you are forced to miss for significant illness or other unavoidable circumstances contact the instructor by email as soon as possible. If a valid explanation is given, the final exam will be used to replace the exam grade component. If you have a Wednesday night class overlapping with the exam, let the instructor know in a timely fashion so appropriate plans can be made ahead of time.
- **Academic Integrity:** You are encouraged to work with others while completing your webwork and written homework assignments, however, the solution should be completed on your own. In particular, the write up should be done on your own without looking at anyone else's solution. *On exams there should be no communication of any kind between students and all work should be completely your own!*