

Math 2318 Syllabus
Linear Algebra
Fall 2019 Sul Ross State University

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Course Description: The prerequisite is Trigonometry (Math 1316). The course will cover the topics of linear equations, matrices, vectors and vector spaces, matrix inversions, linear transformations, determination of eigenvalues and eigenvectors. Applications to topics such including computer graphics, discrete dynamical systems, and finding curves of best fit will be discussed as well. Use of a programmable graphing calculator or mathematical software may be required.

Student Learning Objectives: Successful students will demonstrate correct understanding and knowledge of the linear algebra topics including but not limited to those listed in the previous paragraph through use of correct terminology, identifying, and computation. Students will translate, extend, and apply knowledge of concepts and problem-solving methods to new contexts and problem-solving situations. Students will demonstrate correct knowledge of the difference between numbers (perhaps in the context of other mathematical objects such as a function, algebraic expression, or a matrix) that are in exact form and numbers that are approximate and will be able to report numbers in exact form and with a correct approximation when required. Students will express their solutions clearly in writing and use complete sentences when appropriate.

This course is supportive of the

Program Learning Outcomes for the Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics:

The graduating student will demonstrate that he/she is able to:

- Apply knowledge of basic mathematics principles;
- Identify and provide valid proofs or solutions for theorems and problems;
- Recognize and dispute invalid mathematical statements using counter-examples.

Required Textbook: Linear Algebra and Its Applications, 4th Edition by David C. Lay ISBN-13: 978-0-321-38517-8, many sections from Chaps. 1-6. You may find it handy to have a scientific calculator to check basic math calculations. Late in the semester, (beginning around Nov.), you will be allowed use a calculator capable of matrix operations (such as a graphing calculator). Therefore I recommend a graphing calculator (at most) since this will handle any of the above calculations you may need.

The following assignments will all contribute to your success in the above learning objectives.

Grade: A **Homework (HW)** grade will count for **20%** of your grade. This will consist of a Daily Assignment (**DA**) grade and a Notebook Grade (**NB**). In every class I will assign for you to hand in usually 1 or 2 homework exercises that will be due during the following class. Or there will be a short quiz over the assigned homework in the next class. There will be several exercises assigned during a typical class and these other exercises that are not handed in for a DA will be due prior to the corresponding test in the form of a notebook (NB) for a NB grade. It is important that you correctly complete all of the HW assignments before the test with comprehension since this is what the test will cover. This NB grade will count as much as a DA grade. There will be 3 NB's, one for each test. A DA grade I will accept as late as the next class but then for only half credit. The NB grade must be turned in prior to the test and will not be accepted late. I will drop 1 or 2 of your lowest DA grades at the end of the semester.

Ten percent (**10%**) of your grade will be based on the **Class Study Grade**, which will be recorded in every class after the 1st class day in which there is no in-class quiz or test.

There will be 3 tests and **4 test grades** that count for a total of **70%** of your final grade.

The three test dates are as follows:

Test 1	Wed, Oct. 2
Test 2	Wed, Nov. 6
Test 3	Tue, Dec. 10: 12:30-2:30p

I will count your highest test grade twice, so each test will count $17\frac{1}{2}\%$, but your highest test grade will count 35% .

Extra Credit: I will allow you to hand in problems for extra credit in order to raise the first two test grades by at most 10 percentage points. These exercises will be determined by me on a case by case basis, and must come from sections that were covered by a particular test. These extra credit assignments will be due no later than 2 weeks after the first two tests to add points to these tests.

Late Work, Rescheduled Quizzes/Tests To ensure you receive full credit on a homework assignment you hand in, an in-class quiz, or a test that you miss due to your absence for a personal event, such as a university organization trip, or a personal medical issue, you must be sure to do ALL of the following:

- * Let me know of your impending absence before or by the day of your absence.
- * Supply documentation for your school trip (if this is the case), or a note from a medical professional (in the case of a medical absence) soon after your absence if not prior. In the case of a university organization-related absence, you must notify me of this authorized absence in writing with your name, the name of your organization and the date(s) of your absence, and your name must appear on a published explained absence list that I am provided (or this is verified by a faculty sponsor).
- * You and I must set up a time for you to make up the quiz or test within a reasonable

time period (not more than 1 to 3 days) before or after the time of the missed grade.

Note: Usually I will let you make up a grade according to the above conditions if it is due to another one-time occurrence, such as the care of someone else in your family or a friend, or for a work-related excuse as long as you can document your absence and you let me know **BY THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE AT THE LATEST**.

Attendance I will be taking attendance as university policy precludes you from missing 3 weeks or more of classes for anything other than authorized university activities. To excuse an absence for a university activity, in addition to letting me know of the absence by the day of the absence (as explained previously) you must also spend at least 60 minutes outside of class on this course with me. Also I will allow you to excuse a test day for a documented medical absence as long as you also make up the test. If you have 3 weeks or more of unexcused absences, I reserve the right to drop you from this class with a grade of 'F', which is university policy.

Good Advice Concentrate on learning the material of the course rather than worrying about your grade. Your time is best spent concentrating on the material to be learned in the impending assignments, asking questions, and devoting yourself to activities that will help you learn the material and do better in the course. I will worry about the details of your grade since you doing so does not help you earn a higher grade. But learning the material and doing well on the tests *will* help your grade. **Remember that math is not a spectator sport**, so the more problems you work yourself, the more practice you will get, the more confident you will be, and the better you will do in this course. Working on the problems helps you to figure out what your specific questions are. Remember an individual homework or quiz grade may not count for a lot in your overall grade, but working and learning from the homework is **essential** because this is where you learn the topics that will appear on the tests, which do count for a lot of your grade. The best lessons learned often come from correcting a quiz or homework problem in which you have made a mistake.

More Good Advice Keep absences to a minimum. You never know when you might miss something you will find important either from the lecture or class discussion such as questions other students ask. Remember: **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERYTHING THAT IS DISCUSSED DURING CLASS WHETHER YOU ARE PRESENT OR NOT.**

Also do not allow yourself to develop bad habits such as missing classes. It's human nature to be controlled by our habits, so once you develop a weekly habit for the semester, it can be hard to break this habit. So be sure that you allow the necessary time for this course, **ESPECIALLY** if you consider mathematics not to be your best subject. If you have trouble in math, then you should attend **EVERY** class of a college mathematics course. Not showing up to class or not doing the required work will not cause this class to "go away". If you do have to miss, let me know before class, and plan to come and see me and make an appointment to discuss what was missed and pick up assignments you did not get back. However meeting in my office is not a substitute for attending class.

Ask questions no matter how easy or trivial they may seem. There is no such thing as a

bad or silly question. Questions result when you are interested and have been thinking about areas, such as mathematics, in which you have some limitations in your educational background. Being in a college mathematics course means you will have questions both obvious and more subtle. Asking questions is a very important part of learning.

Study and work problems regularly—every day or every other day. Work on assignments discussed in class as soon as you can after class while the methods discussed are still fresh in mind. You can't expect to succeed in a math course by waiting till the last minute to only study and cram prior to a test. If you promise yourself you will study for ½-hour, get into the work, forget the clock, then the next thing you know, you've studied and worked for one to two hours.

Classroom Conduct It is important to conduct yourself in a college classroom so that everyone can benefit from good communication between instructor and students. My goal is to create a classroom environment in which everyone can do their best work, learn, and make the best grades possible.

I think you will find that I am a very friendly, sympathetic, and generous instructor as long as you are sincerely working to succeed in this course and certain guidelines for classroom behavior are followed during class to allow a sanctity of study for your fellow students. Class habits such as holding conversations during class lecture, or being engaged in activities not related to this course such as working on a different course or reading your cell-phone will work against the goal of this course and cause you to be counted absent and you will lose Daily Grade credit. Also engaging with electronic communication devices of any kind during class or coming into class more than 5 minutes late or leaving early before class is dismissed circumvent the goals of this course and cause you to lose credit. My sympathy and generosity will quickly evaporate if I find that you are working against the goals of the course or that you are simply trying to get a good grade without learning or without honestly doing the required work. I want you to have every opportunity to succeed in this course.

Please be aware of the rules for Academic Honesty that you will find in the Sul Ross Student Handbook and building codes prohibiting food, beverages, tobacco (smokeless or otherwise) in the classroom. Use commonsense to think of anything else that will allow you to learn and do the best work that you can in this class, and for me to better help you do your best work. Remember that being registered for this course does not allow you to behave in any manner you wish during class. You must keep other people in mind. It is within university policy for me to send a student out of this class on a temporary or permanent basis if disruptions or interruptions like the types listed above persist.

Equal Access and SRSU Disability Services: Sul Ross State University is committed to equal access in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1973. It is the student's responsibility to initiate a request for accessibility services. Students seeking accessibility services must contact Mary Schwartze-Grisham, M. Ed., LPC., in Counseling and Accessibility Services, Ferguson Hall, Room 112. The mailing address is P.O. Box C-122, Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas. Telephone: 432-837-8691. e-mail: mschwartze@sulross.edu .

Important University Dates

Mon, August 26	First day of classes; late registration, schedule changes begin
Thu, August 29	Last day for late registration and schedule changes
Mon, September 2	Labor Day Holiday, no classes
Wed, Sept. 11	12th class day: last day to drop without creating record
Mon, Nov. 11	Veteran's Day Holiday, no classes
Fri, Nov. 15	Last day to drop a course with grade of "W" by 4 pm in Registrar's Office
Wed-Fri, Nov. 27-29	Thanksgiving Holidays, no classes
Wed, Dec. 4	Last Class Day before finals
Thu, Dec. 5	Dead Day, no classes
Fri, Mon-Wed, Dec. 6, 9-11	Final Exams

X = no class

Tenative Course Outline Math 2318--Linear Algebra Fall 2019

	Mon	Wed
Aug. 26, 28	Systems of equations augmented matrices	Echelon Forms Vectors
Sep. 4	Labor Day Holiday - X - no classes	Vectors Matrix Equations
Sep. 9, 11	Matrix Equations Homogenous Systems	Homog. Systems Applications
Sep. 16, 18	Applications Linear Independence	Linear Independence Linear Transformations
Sep. 23, 25	Linear Transformations	Matrix Arithmetic
Sep. 30, Oct. 2	Review	Test 1
Oct. 7, 9	Matrix Inverses	Invertible Matrix Thm
Oct. 14, 16	Computer Graphics	Vector Spaces
Oct. 21, 23	Dimension and Rank Determinants	Properties of Determinants
Oct. 28, 30	Markov Chains Eigenvalues	Eigenvalues Characteristic Eqn.
Nov. 4, 6	Review	Test 2
Nov. 13	Veteran's Day Holiday X - no classes	Diagonalization
Nov. 18, 20	Discrete Dynamical Systems	Vectors, Dot Products Norms
Nov. 25	Orthogonal Vectors Orthogonal Bases	Thanksgiving Holiday X - no classes
Dec. 2, 4	Least Squares Curves of Best Fit	Review for Test 3
Tues. Dec. 10	Tue., Dec. 10 Final (Test 3) 12:30-2:30	