

Math 242-C1 Linear Algebra MWF 9:05-9:55am MCS B33

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**Office Hours:** M 10:00am-11:00am, Tue 11:00am-12:00pm in my office.  
**Discussion:** MA 242-C2, W 2:30-3:20pm, PSY B39. Mandatory, every student must register for *this* discussion.  
**Textbook:** “Linear Algebra”, D. Lay, **5ed**, ISBN is 9780321982384.  
(Make sure you purchase this edition.)

**Course Outline:** Subject to change.

Chapters 1-7

**Grading Policy:** HW - 20%, Quizzes in Discussion Section - 25%, Midterm - 25%, Final - 30%.

**Discussion section and homeworks:** Attendance of discussion section is mandatory; all students must register for MA 242-C2. Discussion section is your chance to ask about homework problems or course material you are stuck on before the weekly quiz.

Homeworks will generally be given on Friday, and must be submitted by the end of class the following Friday. **Late homeworks will not be accepted for any reason.** Make sure your name is listed and your homework is stapled. Unstapled homeworks will not be accepted.

There will be 4 or 5 problems selected for grading for each homework assignment. Each problem is worth 10 points. Please finish your homework in a neat and complete way so that partial credits can be given. Your two lowest homework scores will be dropped.

**Quiz and Exam Policy:** Quizzes will be given at the end of discussion section based on the homework due the previous week. The lowest two quiz grades will be dropped. No makeup quizzes will be given for any reason; if you miss a quiz it will count as one of your drops.

*The in-class midterm date will be 03/08, it will be given during class.* You are expected to be able to attend class and discussion, and as such, makeup exams will not be given for scheduling conflicts. *The final exam is scheduled for 05/09 from 9-11am.* It is your responsibility to make sure you can attend the exam. (For example, booking a plane flight before the exam date is not an excusable reason to be unable to take the exam.)

If you feel you have an **extraordinary reason** you will not be able to attend an exam, the instructor must be notified now (otherwise no consideration will be given to providing a makeup exam). If you miss an exam, a makeup will be provided only if you have missed the exam for medical reasons and notify the instructor within 24 hours of the reason. Makeup exams will most likely be oral exams with you answering questions on the blackboard.

**Graded Homework and Quiz Policy:** Homeworks and quizzes will be returned in discussion section. It is your responsibility to make sure you receive back any homeworks or quizzes you submitted, and to store them in case any grades are incorrectly recorded. If you do not receive back a quiz or homework you submitted talk with TA immediately after discussion. I will not discuss missing or incorrectly graded assignments at the end of the semester.

In office hours you may check that your grades have been properly recorded. I will only change recorded grades when shown the original quiz / homework with grade listed on it, and will not change quiz or homework grades after you have been given an opportunity to see what has been recorded.

**Class Help:** There are many sources for help on course work (in addition to TA).

1. The mathematics tutoring room (111 Cummington St., B24) is open for walk-in tutoring. It is particularly good for help on specific issues and problems. Check the schedule on their website: <http://www.bu.edu/math/undergraduate/resources/tutoring-room-schedule/>.
2. The Education Resource Center offers free individual and group tutoring. See their web page: <http://www.bu.edu/erc/>. They do get very busy as the end of the semester approaches, so it is good to make contact with them earlier rather than later.

**Disabilities:** The instructor must be notified at the beginning of the course of any student disabilities. Special consideration will only be given following University policy.

**Academic Conduct:** Your conduct in this course, as with all BU courses, is governed by the BU Academic Conduct Code. A copy of the code is available at <http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/>.