



## COURSE SYLLABUS

Course: Linear Algebra  
Number: Math 331  
Credit-Hours: 3 credits [semester credit hours]

Course Description: Presents matrices, determinants, vector spaces, linear transformations, eigenvectors and eigenvalues, diagonalization, solution of systems of linear equations by the Gauss-Jordan method, and applications.

Prerequisites: Successful completion (C- or higher) of MATH 214 (Calculus II) or equivalent.

Course Workload: 3 semester credit hours • 3 student work hours per credit hour • 14 week Carnegie semester = 126 hours student course workload average

Examination Requirements: Proctored written final examination must be passed at 60% or higher to earn passing grade in course. "B" and "A" grade paths have additional examinations. See <http://www.distancecalculus.com/grades/> for more information.

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E-Textbook: "Matrices, Geometry, and Mathematica" by Davis/Porta/Uhl et al  
Mathematics Software: Mathematica™ Computer Algebra & Graphing System  
and/or LiveMath™ Computer Algebra & Graphing System

Detailed Syllabus

1. Getting Started
  - 1.1. Email and Chat
  - 1.2. Learning About the Course
  - 1.3. Required Hardware
  - 1.4. Software Fundamentals
  
2. Vectors
  - 2.1. Geometry of Vectors
  - 2.2. Perpendicular Frames
  - 2.3. Curves in 2D: Change of Frames/Basis
  - 2.4. Dot Products
  - 2.5. Cross Products
  - 2.6. Ellipses and Ellipsoids
  - 2.7. Area and Volume
  
3. Matrices
  - 3.1. Basics
  - 3.2. Transforming Curves
  - 3.3. Matrix Arithmetic
  - 3.4. Translations and Rotations
  - 3.5. Shears
  - 3.6. Linear Transformations
  - 3.7. Inverses
  - 3.8. Determinants
  - 3.9. Transposes
  - 3.10. Matrix Decomposition: Singular Value Decomposition
  - 3.11. Rank
  - 3.12. Projections
  - 3.13. Higher Dimensions
  
4. Linear Systems
  - 4.1. Conversion to Matrix Notation
  - 4.2. Gaussian Elimination
  - 4.3. Vector Spaces and Subspaces
  - 4.4. Numerical Considerations
  - 4.5. Applications: Least Square Fit
  - 4.6. Spanning Sets; Basis
  - 4.7. Linear Independence
  - 4.8. Pseudo Inverses
  - 4.9. Approximate Solutions
  - 4.10. Null Space and Image Space

5. Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
  - 5.1. Diagonalization of a Matrix
  - 5.2. Eigenvalues
  - 5.3. Eigenvectors
  - 5.4. Exponential of a Matrix