Math 242-A1 Linear Algebra  T/TH 3:30-4:50PM  COM 217

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Office Hours:  T 5-6pm, TH 12:20-1:20PM in my office.
Discussion:  MA 242-A2, T 1-1:50PM, MCS B21. Mandatory, every student must register for this discussion.
(Make sure you purchase this edition.)

Course Outline:  Subject to change.

   Chapters 1-7

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

Discussion section and homeworks:  Attendance of discussion section is mandatory; all students must register for MA 242-A2. 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 posted on the course webpage Thursday evening, and must be submitted by the end of class the following Thursday. 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.

   Homework will be given one of three grades. Full credit (100%) if you have made a strong effort on all problems and finished almost every problem, half-credit (50%) if you have skipped several problems or made a poor effort on a number of the problems, no credit (0%) if you have done very few problems or made a poor effort on most of the homework. 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 10/20, it will be given during both discussion and 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 12/17 from 3-5pm. 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 and/or class. 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 me immediately after discussion. I will not discuss missing or incorrectly graded assignments beyond that time.

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 office hours).

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/](http://www.bu.edu/math/undergraduate/resources/tutoring-room-schedule/). This is also a good place to study or just relax between classes.

2. The Education Resource Center offers free individual and group tutoring. See their web page: [http://www.bu.edu/erc/](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/](http://www.bu.edu/academics/policies/academic-conduct-code/).