Math 2114: Introduction to Linear Algebra  
Fall 2016 (CRN 15412)

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Office Hours: MW 3pm-4pm, TR 11:00am-12:00pm  
• Other hours by appointment  
• If you need additional help beyond office hours, you may hire a private tutor by sending an email to math.tutors-g@vt.edu indicating your specific needs.


Prerequisite: A B or better in Math 1225 or a passing grade in Math 1226.

Canvas: The course contract, syllabus, and other materials essential to this course can be found on our class Canvas site. You are responsible for all announcements made on Canvas.

Course Website: https://www.math.vt.edu/courses/math2114

Common Time Final Exam: Friday, May 5, 4:25pm-6:25pm  
• The final exam is a required class meeting that will not be rescheduled for discretionary reasons, including conflicts with work schedules, conflicts with classes and exams at other colleges, and travel plans.

Grading: Your final grade in the course is based on the following work.

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A 90% will guarantee an A-, 80% a B-, 70% a C-, and a 60% a D-.

Grading Appeals:

Specific grading disputes (points totaled incorrectly, partial credit appeals, missing assignments on Canvas, etc) should be brought to my attention within 1 week of return of the assignment. Appeals outside of this time frame will not be considered.

MyMathLab Homework:

MyMathLab homework will be assigned regularly. You will have an infinite number of submissions for each question. No assignments will be dropped.

Written Homework:

There will be written homework assignments due regularly. Homework will be collected at the beginning of class on the day that it is due, and it will be considered late if it is turned in after it is collected. You
are encouraged to work together on homework assignments, but your final write-up must be done independently. Please see the honor policy paragraph below for clarification of expectations on graded assignments.

Exams:

There will be 3 tests and a final exam. The tests will be given during a regular class meeting. The use of calculators is not permitted on these exams. You must take tests on the specified date. Below are the tentative test dates. The Final Exam date is fixed.

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Makeup Policy:

- MyMathLab Homework: No late submissions will be accepted, and there will be no makeup homework.
- Written Assignments: No late assignments will be accepted, and there will be no makeup quizzes. To account for this, I will drop your lowest written assignment score.
- Tests and Final Exam: You must take tests on the specified date. Usually, makeup exams will not be given. If a student misses an exam for reasons that are serious, unavoidable, and beyond the student’s control, the situation will be handled on an individual basis. When possible, the student should notify the instructor before missing the work.

Classroom Courtesy:

You and your classmates are here to learn, and that happens best in an atmosphere of mutual respect with freedom from distractions and disturbances. All of us should abide by the Virginia Tech Principles of Community.

Attendance:

Class attendance will be taken daily and kept for Mathematics Department records. Students are responsible for course materials and announcements covered in class.

Disability Statement:

If you need adaptations or accommodations because of a documented disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please make an appointment with me as soon as possible.
Honor Policy:

All assignments and tests submitted will be considered graded work and must be completed on an individual basis. No consultation is permitted on tests. Homework may be discussed with other students as well as with the instructor. However, in writing up an assignment to be handed in, each student works alone (without other students or other students’ papers) and certifies that what is written accurately represents the student’s own understanding of the material expressed in the student’s own words. In working, or in preparing to work, homework problems, students may not consult partial or complete solutions of the problems that have been prepared by anyone else. The prohibited solutions include, but are not limited to, solutions by current or former teachers or students at VT or elsewhere, whether these solutions are posted on the web or available from other sources. The honor code applies to all graded work in this course. If you have any questions about how the honor code applies to a particular situation, it is your responsibility to ask.

The Undergraduate Honor Code pledge that each member of the university community agrees to abide by states:

“As a Hokie, I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do.”

Students enrolled in this course are responsible for abiding by the Honor Code. A student who has doubts about how the Honor Code applies to any assignment is responsible for obtaining specific guidance from the course instructor before submitting the assignment for evaluation. Ignorance of the rules does not exclude any member of the University community from the requirements and expectations of the Honor Code.

For additional information about the Honor Code, please visit: [https://www.honorsystem.vt.edu/](https://www.honorsystem.vt.edu/)

Caution:

If you are not on the class roll that comes out after the last add date, you are not in the class. It is your responsibility to make sure you are attending the proper section. For no foreseeable reason (computer and/or registrar personnel mistakes included) will you be allowed to stay in the wrong section. Your work will not be graded. Simply attending a section will not entitle you to be placed on its roll.