MATH 2114H (#15982)
Introduction to Linear Algebra: Spring 2019

Tentative Course Policy Sheet
MWF, 9:05–9:55, 302 McBryde Hall

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Office hours
M: 10:00–11:00
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F: 8:00–8:50

You are invited to e-mail the instructor to schedule an appointment if regular times are not sufficient.

E-mail correspondence List your name and course number (MATH 2114H) in all e-mail correspondence.

Prerequisites MATH 1226 or a grade of at least a B in MATH 1225.

Textbook
A Modern Introduction to Linear Algebra by Henry Ricardo.

The ebook version of this text is available for free through the Virginia Tech Libraries and I recommend that you take advantage of this opportunity. You will have to connect to the library using Virginia Tech’s remote access–VPN service to obtain access to the text if you are not on campus.

A great deal of material will be presented only on the blackboard and you are responsible for everything said in class. If you miss a class, it is your responsibility to get the class notes and assignments from fellow students. You are also responsible for any announcements made during class.

Software MATLAB is required for this course. Engineering students will have MATLAB in their software bundle. All other majors need to purchase MATLAB from The Software Distribution Office that is located in 3240 Torgersen Hall, see https://itpals.vt.edu/index/softwarelicensingcenter/studentsoftware/studentswproductlist/matlab.html for more information. The estimated cost is $27 + tax and this MATLAB license will be valid for as long as you are enrolled at Virginia Tech. This license also includes annual updates at no extra charge.

Calculators No calculators or the use of other electronic devices will be allowed during quizzes or exams.

Course Resources All course related material and announcements will be posted on the MATH 2114H-15982 Canvas site. A copy of your Course Policy Sheet is posted there as well. Check this site regularly for announcements and materials.

You are not permitted to make any materials, including solutions to homework problems, projects, quizzes or exams, posted to this course’s Canvas-site available to anyone not enrolled in this course during the spring 2019 semester. Violating this policy is an honor code violation.
Homework Homework will be assigned after each class.

Quizzes There will be regular quizzes on the homework problems. There will be no make-up quizzes.

Graded work It is your responsibility to keep copies of all graded work handed back to you.

Exams Three exams will be given during the semester as well as a comprehensive final exam or a final project.

Tentative Exam Dates Discuss potential conflicts with Dr. Zietsman by Wednesday, January 30.

Exam 1: Friday, February 22
Exam 2: Friday, March 22
Exam 3: Friday, April 26

The final exam is scheduled for May 13, 7:00–9:00 P.M.

Determination of Final Grade

The three in-class exams contribute 50% and the Final Exam 20% towards the final grade. Quizzes, graded homework and projects count 30%. A final grade of 94% and higher will guarantee an A.

Make-Up Exams There will be no make-up exams.

If you miss an exam, your score will be zero unless the reasons for your absence are serious, unavoidable and beyond your control. In this case, contact the instructor as soon as possible, and no later than 36 hours after the exam was taken. The instructor will decide how to handle this exam after consultation with you.

Academic Integrity For graded homework assignments, you may discuss solutions with other students, but each student must do individual, independent write-ups to turn in. Direct copying of solutions or parts of solutions from any source is a violation of the honor code, as is sharing your solutions with others. All exams are to be done without any assistance from anyone else. Your work here is at all times governed by the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Honor System as stated in the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Catalog. Failure to follow these restrictions, and giving or receiving unauthorized aid or assistance on in-class quizzes or exams are Virginia Tech Honor System violations and cases will be filed.

For more information see the Honor Code Constitution http://www.honorsystem.vt.edu.

General Course Policies

1. Class will start on time at 9:05 A.M., no tardiness will be accepted.

2. You need permission from the instructor to use an electronic device such as an iPad, laptop tablet, laptop computer etc. during class unless it is part of the class activity.

3. No cell phones or other electronic devices will be allowed on your person during quizzes or exams.

4. Be respectful of yourself, and others in the course.

5. Let the instructor know as soon as possible if you have a disability which requires additional accommodation.

6. Do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions