

## Linear Algebra and Vector Geometry

**Lecture.** Tuesday, Thursday from 3:30 PM - 4:50 PM, SAGE 355

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**Course Website.** Announcements and materials will be posted on the Canvas page.

**Office Hours.** Tuesdays from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM and Wednesdays from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM in GAB 411. No appointment is necessary to come to the office hours, but appointments can be made via email.

**Course Prerequisites.** Math 1720

**Textbook.** *Linear Algebra and Its Applications, 6th Edition.* David Lay, Stephen Lay, Judi MacDonald. ISBN: 978-0-136-88092-9

**Topics.** Vector spaces over the real number field; applications to systems of linear equations, linear transformations, matrices, determinants, and eigenvalues.

### Grades.

- Grading: Homework: 20%, Midterm 1: 25%, Midterm 2: 25%, Final exam: 30%.  
If your final exam score is higher than either of your midterm scores, your final exam score will replace either or both midterms. The final exam will be cumulative.
- Letter grades will be determined by the weighted average of the above components:  
90% or better will be an A; 80% to 89.99% will be a B; 70% to 79.99% will be a C; 60% to 69.99% will be a D; 59.99% and below will be an F.
- Scores are rounded up to the next hundredth of a percentage point. For example, a course grade of 91.567% will be rounded up to a 91.57%, not to a 92%. If you have any questions about the rounding process, do not hesitate to contact me.

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**AI, LLM, GenAI.** GenAI and related tools do not teach mathematics. As such, their use is not allowed for homework and tests. If a student is found to use GenAI or similar tools, the submission will be marked 0, without any exceptions.

**Attendance.** Students who regularly attend class learn more and get more out of the class. If you miss a lecture, it is your responsibility to learn the missed material on your own. You can do this by filling in the class notes with the help of a friend or by using the textbook as guide. The instructor will not repeat whole lectures or offer personal lessons in office hours or email. These venues are for specific questions / problems.

\*\*Attendance is mandatory for TAMS students.\*\*

**Calculator Policy.** **No calculators or calculating devices are allowed.** Not during homeworks, worksheets, tests, quizzes, or the final. Use of a calculator during these assessments will constitute a violation of the UNT Honour Code (see Academic Integrity).

**Exams.** We will have two in-class midterms and a final exam. No books, notes, or any electronic devices (including but not limited to calculators and phones) are allowed during the exams. This policy on electronic devices may not apply in certain situations determined by the ODA. No collaboration or consulting other sources is allowed during the exams. Exam dates are not negotiable, so do not make any plans conflicting with the exams.

- Midterm 1: February 19, in class
- Midterm 2: April 2, in class
- Final: TBD

### **Homework.**

- Homework consists of problem sets. Problem sets will be assigned weekly. The problem set of the week will be posted on the course website by Thursday afternoon and will be due the following Thursday at 11:59 pm.
- Your homework will be submitted online through Canvas. Please make sure to make good clean scans when submitting your materials. The grader will not be required to grade illegible or otherwise sloppy papers.
- Along with the assigned problems, there will be suggested practice problems from the textbook that are not collected.
- There are not very many assigned problems each week, so the write ups are expected to be legible, and all steps in solving a problem should be fully justified and explained clearly.
- Note that two lowest homework scores will be dropped before final grades are computed.

***Late homework will not be accepted under any circumstances.*** This policy may not apply in certain cases determined by the ODA. In case of extended illness, please contact me as soon as possible.

You are encouraged to discuss the problems with your classmates, but you must write your solutions on your own and acknowledge collaborators/cite references if any. A select number of problems will be graded. As mentioned above, the lowest two scores will be dropped.

**Agreement.** The aim of this course is to offer a meaningful, rigorous, and rewarding experience to every student; you will build that rich experience by devoting your strongest available effort to this class. You will be challenged and supported. Please be prepared to take an active, patient, and generous role in your own learning and that of your classmates.

**Tentative Course Outline** The following is intended to provide a rough outline of what will be covered in class. Depending on how quickly students master certain concepts, more or less time may be devoted to particular topics than indicated here. Students should consult the schedule on Canvas that will be updated weekly during the course. **This outline and syllabus are subject to change.**

Tuesday	Thursday
1/13: Intro. & Systems of Linear Equations (§1.1)	1/15: Row Reduction & Echelon Forms (§1.2)
1/20: Vector Equations (§1.3)	1/22: Matrix Equation $Ax=b$ (§1.4)
1/27: Solution Sets of Linear Systems (§1.5)	1/29: Linear Independence (§1.7)
2/3: Introduction to Linear Transformations (§1.8)	2/5: The Matrix of a Linear Transformation (§1.9)
2/10: Matrix Operations (§2.1)	2/12: The Inverse of a Matrix (§2.2)
2/17:	2/19: <b>Midterm 1</b>
2/24: Characterizations of Invertible Matrices (§2.3)	2/26: Matrix Factorizations (§2.5)
3/3: Introduction to Determinants (§3.1)	3/5: Properties of Determinants, and Cramer's Rule (§3.2,3.3)
3/10: Spring Break	3/12: Spring Break
3/17: Vector Spaces and Subspaces (§4.1)	3/19: Nul Spaces, Col Spaces, Row Spaces, Linear Transformations (§4.2)
3/24: Linearly independent sets; Bases (§4.3)	3/26: The Dimension of a Vector Space (§4.5)
3/31:	4/2: <b>Midterm 2</b>
4/7: Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues (§5.1)	4/9: The Characteristic Equation (§5.2)
4/14: Diagonalization (§5.3)	4/16: Inner Product, Length, Orthogonality (§6.1)
4/21: Orthogonal Sets and Orthogonal Projections (§6.2, 6.3)	4/23: Gram-Schmidt Process (§6.4)
4/28:	4/30: Review

**Announcements.** I will frequently update the Canvas page with class information and new materials. To stay up to date, you should check the Canvas page regularly and/or select to receive email notifications about the Canvas announcements.

## University Policies

**Academic Integrity Policy.** According to UNT Policy 06.003, Student Academic Integrity, Academic dishonesty occurs when students engage in behaviours including, but not limited to, cheating, fabrication, facilitating academic dishonesty, forgery, plagiarism, and sabotage. A finding of academic dishonesty may result in a range of academic penalties or sanctions ranging from admonition to expulsion from the University.

**ADA Policy.** The University of North Texas makes reasonable academic accommodations for students with disabilities. Students seeking reasonable accommodation must first register with the Office of Disability Access (ODA) to verify their eligibility. If a disability is verified, the ODA will provide you with a reasonable accommodation letter to be delivered to the faculty to begin a

private discussion regarding your specific needs in a course. You may request reasonable accommodations at any time; however, ODA notices of reasonable accommodation should be provided as early as possible in the semester to avoid any delay in implementation. Note that students must obtain a new letter of reasonable accommodation for every semester and must meet with each faculty member prior to implementation in each class. Students are strongly encouraged to deliver letters of reasonable accommodation during faculty office hours or by appointment. Faculty members have the authority to ask students to discuss such letters during their designated office hours to protect the privacy of the student. For additional information, refer to the Office of Disability Access website (<http://www.unt.edu/oda>). You may also contact ODA by phone at (940) 565-4323.

**Prohibition of Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation (Policy 16.004).** The University of North Texas (UNT) prohibits discrimination and harassment because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or any other characteristic protected under applicable federal or state law in its application and admission processes; educational programs and activities; employment policies, procedures, and processes; and university facilities. The University takes active measures to prevent such conduct and investigates and takes remedial action when appropriate.

**Emergency Notification & Procedures.** UNT uses a system called Eagle Alert to quickly notify students with critical information in the event of an emergency (i.e., severe weather, campus closing, and health and public safety emergencies like chemical spills, fires, or violence). In the event of a university closure, please refer to Canvas for contingency plans for covering course materials.

**Acceptable Student Behaviour.** Student behaviour that interferes with an instructor's ability to conduct a class or other students' opportunities to learn is unacceptable and disruptive and will not be tolerated in any instructional forum at UNT. Students engaging in unacceptable behaviour will be directed to leave the classroom and the instructor may refer the student to the Dean of Students to consider whether the student's conduct violated the Code of Student Conduct. The University's expectations for student conduct apply to all instructional forums, including

University and electronic classroom, labs, discussion groups, field trips, etc. Visit UNT's Code of Student Conduct <https://deanofstudents.unt.edu/conduct> to learn more.

**Access to Information – Eagle Connect.** Students' access point for business and academic services at UNT is located at: [my.unt.edu](http://my.unt.edu). All official communication from the University will be delivered to a student's Eagle Connect account. For more information, please visit the website that explains Eagle Connect and how to forward e-mail Eagle Connect <https://it.unt.edu/eagleconnect>.

**Student Evaluation Administration Dates.** Student feedback is important and an essential part of participation in this course. The student evaluation of instruction is a requirement for all organised classes at UNT. The survey will be made available during weeks 13, 14 and 15 of the

semester to provide students with an opportunity to evaluate how this course is taught. Students will receive an email from “UNT SPOT Course Evaluations via IASystem Notification” (no-reply@iasystem.org) with the survey link. Students should look for the email in their UNT email inbox. Simply click on the link and complete the survey. Once students complete the survey, they will receive a confirmation email that the survey has been submitted. For additional information, please visit the SPOT website (<http://spot.unt.edu/>) or email [spot@unt.edu](mailto:spot@unt.edu).

**Survivor Advocacy.** UNT is committed to providing a safe learning environment free of all forms of sexual misconduct. Federal laws and UNT policies prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex as well as sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know is experiencing sexual harassment, relationship violence, stalking and/or sexual assault, there are campus resources available to provide support and assistance. The Survivor Advocates can be reached at [SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu](mailto:SurvivorAdvocate@unt.edu) or by calling the Dean of Students Office at 940-565-2648.

### Academic & Student Support Services

**Mental Health.** UNT provides mental health resources to students to help ensure there are numerous outlets to turn to that wholeheartedly care for and are there for students in need, regardless of the nature of an issue or its severity. Listed below are several resources on campus that can support your academic success and mental well-being:

- Student Health and Wellness Center  
(<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center>)
- Counseling and Testing Services  
(<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>)
- UNT Care Team (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/care>)
- Psychiatric Services  
(<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-health-and-wellness-center/services/psychiatry>)
- Individual Counseling  
(<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services/services/individual-counseling>)

**Chosen Names.** A chosen name is a name that a person goes by that may or may not match their legal name. If you have a chosen name that is different from your legal name and would like that to be used in class, please let the instructor know. Below is a list of resources for updating your chosen name at UNT.

- UNT Records
- UNT ID Card
- UNT Email Address
- Legal Name

**Pronouns.** Pronouns (she/her, they/them, he/him, etc.) are a public way for people to address you, much like your name, and can be shared with a name when making an introduction, both virtually and in-person. Just as we ask and don't assume someone's name, we should also ask and not assume someone's pronouns. You can add your pronouns to your Canvas account so that they follow your name when posting to discussion boards, submitting assignments, etc. See <https://www.myprounouns.org> for additional information.

### **Additional Student Support Services.**

- Registrar (<https://registrar.unt.edu/registration>)
- Math Lab (<https://math.unt.edu/undergraduate/math-lab.html>)
- Financial Aid (<https://financialaid.unt.edu>)
- Student Legal Services (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/student-legal-services>)
- Career Center (<https://careercenter.unt.edu>)
- Multicultural Center  
(<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/eagle-engagement-center/index.html>)
- Counseling and Testing Services  
(<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/counseling-and-testing-services>)
- Pride Alliance  
(<https://untunion.wordpress.com/2022/06/13/meet-the-pride-alliance/>)
- UNT Food Pantry (<https://studentaffairs.unt.edu/food-pantry>)
- Academic Resource Center (<https://clear.unt.edu/canvas/student-resources>)
- Academic Success Center (<https://success.unt.edu/asc>)
- UNT Libraries (<https://library.unt.edu>)
- Writing Center (<https://writingcenter.unt.edu>)