

## Math 3333-Section 001 – Linear Algebra– Spring 2008

Please read this handout carefully. You will be responsible for all the information given here, and for any modifications to it that may be announced in class.

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learn.ou.edu

**Text:** Elementary Linear Algebra (9th Edition), by Kolman and Hill (Pearson Prentice Hall 2004). We will cover most of the first seven chapters.

**Announcements:** You will be responsible for any announcements pertaining to the class that I send out via email throughout the semester. So make sure to either check your OU email account regularly or have the mail forwarded to another account which you do check regularly.

**Homework:** Homework will be posted on the website and will be due every Thursday unless otherwise specified. It will be your responsibility to get it from the website– it will not be announced each week. In addition

- Each homework that you turn in must be STAPLED and labelled as follows:

Your full name  
Homework # \_\_\_  
Inst: P.Dani

It is important that you write my name as well, as this will enable it to be returned in case it gets misplaced.

- Each solution should be labeled with the chapter, section and problem number. Please do not cram too much onto one page.
- It will be due *at the beginning* of the class. You are responsible for ensuring that your homework gets turned in on time. Late homework upsets the grading process and is unfair to the other students, and so will not be accepted. This includes homework that you “have done, but forgot to bring to class”.
- The lowest three homework scores (percentagewise) will be dropped.

*Warning:* The homework assignments are *not* intended to be sufficient for you to attain proficiency. It is up to you to work whatever additional problems are necessary for you to achieve the command of the subject matter necessary to perform under the stressful conditions of taking an exam.

You may work on the homework with other people but your final write-up must be your own, and you *must* understand the solution before you write it down! You will be doing yourself a great disservice if you merely copy somebody else's work.

**Exams:** There will be two midterms, which will be held in class on the dates listed below.

Midterm 1: February 21st

Midterm 2: April 10th

- All exams must be taken at the scheduled times, except in *very extreme circumstances*. So be careful not to make travel arrangements that conflict with examination times. If there is a valid reason why you cannot take a test at the scheduled time, you must contact me well in *advance*.
- Calculators, computers, books and notes are not allowed on the exams.

The final exam will be held at the date and time published by the university. It will cover selected material from the entire course, with extra weight given to material covered after the third midterm.

**Grading scheme:** The different components of the course will contribute toward your final grade as follows:

Homework:	10%
Midterms:	54% (Each midterm is worth 27%)
Final:	36%

I will curve the final grades based on the performance of the class. However, over 90% is guaranteed to be an *A*, over 80% is at least a *B*, over 70% is at least a *C*, and over 60% is at least a *D*.

**Academic misconduct:** Procedures for dealing with cases of academic misconduct have changed as of Fall 2004. Students are assumed to be familiar with the current Academic Misconduct Code, details of which may be found at [www.ou.edu/provost/integrity](http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity).

**Accommodation of Disabilities:** Any student in this course who has a disability that may prevent him or her from fully demonstrating his or her abilities should contact me personally as soon as possible to discuss the accommodations necessary to facilitate his or her educational opportunity and ensure his or her full participation in the course.