MATH 2210Q Linear Algebra with Applications, Spring 2017

Syllabus

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Course website: We will use HuskyCT, though we also have a static website at http://arthur-parzygnat.uconn.edu/teaching/s2017math2210q/

Lecture time and location: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30–10:45 AM in MONT 420.

Course Description: This course provides an introduction to linear systems of equations, matrices, row reductions, linear operators, determinants, inverses, linear independence, eigenvalues & eigenvectors, diagonalization (& Jordan form time permitting), inner products, orthogonality, Gram-Schmidt procedure, and applications. Solving problems, discussing problems, and asking questions are key elements of learning the material effectively so please don't skip class!

Textbook: David C. Lay, *Linear Algebra and Its Applications*, 4th Edition, 2015. Pearson. In this syllabus document, this text will be referred to as [La]. You are expected to read the relevant sections before coming to class.

Prerequisites: The official prerequisites are MATH 1132, 1152, or 2142. Recommended Preparation: a grade of C- or better in MATH 1132. Not open for credit to students who have passed MATH 3210.

Attendance/Notes: In addition to [La], there may be new topics introduced in lecture that are not presented in [La] or some concepts may be introduced slightly differently. It is therefore important that you attend all lectures and read the relevant sections and/or my notes *before class*.

Homework: Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis and will be collected once a week! Homework is always due at the *beginning* of class every Tuesday! Late assignments will not be accepted! If you do not finish by the deadline, submit whatever you have! All homework questions will come from the exercises in [La] and will be posted on the course website. You are encouraged to *discuss* material and homework with fellow classmates. This does *not* mean that you should constantly get answers from others. You should substantially contribute as well. You must also

acknowledge your collaborators and write all solutions in your own words. Clearly print your name on the top of the first page. If there are several pages, **staple them together**. Please write clearly, legibly, and in an organized manner. **Do not copy answers from solution manuals.** Avoid plagiarism and read (and abide by) the student code, including the section on Academic Integrity available at http://community.uconn.edu/the-student-code-appendix-a/.

Quizzes: There will be short 10–15 minute quizzes at the beginning of class every Tuesday beginning on the third week of classes unless specified otherwise. The questions will be based on the material covered the week before. Only writing utensils will be allowed on quizzes. Cheating on quizzes is forbidden and violators may be subject to a failing mark for the quiz.

Exams: There will be two exams mid semester on **February 23rd** and **April 6th** (both on Thursdays) in class and one final. The date of the final will be provided as soon as it becomes available to the instructor. Only writing utensils will be allowed on exams. Cheating on exams is forbidden and violators may be subject to a failing mark for the exam.

Grading: Habitual tardiness (which disrupts the class) and skipping of class will negatively affect your grade. The approximate distribution of grades is given in this table:

Quizzes	15%
Homework	15%
Two (mid-term) exams	20% each
Final	30%

Grade conversion chart:

%	93-100	90-92	87-89	83-86	80-82	77-79	73-76	70-72	67-69	63-66	60-62	< 60
Letter	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-	F

More information about grades can be found at http://catalog.uconn.edu/academic-regulations/grade-information. Please refrain from asking questions about grades outside of the first day of class as it distracts the students from the material of the class.

Secondary references:

- Short and straight to the point videos at `https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kjBOesZCoqc&list=PLZHQObOWTQDPD3MizzM2xVFitgF8hE_ab`
- Gilbert Strang's video lectures from OCW at MIT:
  Gilbert Strang. 18.06 Linear Algebra. Spring 2010. Massachusetts Institute of Technology: MIT OpenCourseWare, http://ocw.mit.edu. License: Creative Commons BY-NC-SA.
- For those who want a more rigorous introduction to linear algebra, I highly recommend Paul Halmos' *Finite Dimensional Vector Spaces*. 1942. Princeton University Press.

Important dates: Please refer to the academic calendar http://registrar.uconn.edu/academic-calendar/spring-2017/ for important dates (last day to drop a course, etc.).

Special accommodations: The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD) at UConn provides accommodations and services for qualified students with disabilities. If you have a documented

disability for which you wish to request academic accommodations and have not contacted the CSD, please do so as soon as possible. The CSD is located in Wilbur Cross, Room 204 and can be reached at (860) 486-2020 or at csd@uconn.edu. Detailed information regarding the accommodations process is also available on their website at www.csd.uconn.edu.

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Other: Calculators are unnecessary in this course. Only writing utensils are allowed on the quizzes and exams. There will be no make-up exams or quizzes unless under extreme circumstances (serious illness, family emergency, religious holidays, etc.). In this event, please notify the instructor well in advance. If you are unable to make it to an exam for extreme circumstances, please obtain a proper validation for your absence.

Disclaimer: This syllabus is not set in stone and I may adjust it as I deem necessary throughout the semester. By taking this course, you acknowledge that you have read this syllabus and abide to it and any such changes.