

MA 265: LINEAR ALGEBRA

Spring 2021

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Course Pages:

1. Class Page: <https://www.math.purdue.edu/~weaver24/currentteaching.html>
2. Department Course Page: <https://www.math.purdue.edu/MA265>

Homework: There are 36 online homework assignments from **MyLab Math** ([Quick Guide to MyLabMath](#)) that are accessed through [Brightspace](#). All due dates are posted in the calendar on the [class page](#). The lowest three online homework scores will be dropped. There are also handwritten problems which are to be submitted in [Gradescope](#) ([Gradescope Guide for Submissions](#)). These due dates are also located on the calendar. The lowest three written homework scores will be dropped.

Exams: There will be two midterm exams this semester. They will both be in-class and at a date later determined. Additionally, there will be a final exam sometime during finals week (May 3 - May 8). The date and time will be announced later.

Grades: Your course grade is based on the following distribution:

Online Homework	17%
Written Homework	8%
Exam 1	20%
Exam 2	20%
Final Exam	35%

The scores will be uniformized across all sections of the course by using the following procedure:

1. The number of particular letter grades (A, B, C, D, F) in each section is based on the Final Exam score across all sections of the course by using a coursewide Final Exam curve. The course letter grades within each section are then determined based on the Overall Score.
2. Students who get at least 97% of the total points in this course are guaranteed an A+, 93% guarantees an A, 90% an A-, 87% a B+, 83% a B, 80% a B-, 77% a C+, 73% a C, 70% a C-, 67% a D+, 63% a D, and 60% a D-; for each of these grades, it's possible that at the end of the semester a somewhat lower percentage will be enough to get that grade.

Some Important Dates:

- Classes begin on January 19
- Last day to cancel a class without it appearing on your transcript is February 1

- Last day to withdraw from a course with a W or WF is March 22
- Reading days February 17, March 18, and April 13

Classroom Policies Regarding Protect Purdue: The [Protect Purdue Plan](#), which includes the [Protect Purdue Pledge](#), is campus policy and as such all members of the Purdue community must comply with the required health and safety guidelines. Required behaviors in this class include: staying home and contacting the Protect Purdue Health Center (496-INFO) if you feel ill or know you have been exposed to the virus, wearing a mask in classrooms and campus building, at all times (e.g., no eating/drinking in the classroom), disinfecting desk/workspace prior to and after use, maintaining proper social distancing with peers and instructors (including when entering/exiting classrooms), refraining from moving furniture, avoiding shared use of personal items, maintaining robust hygiene (e.g., handwashing, disposal of tissues) prior to, during and after class, and following all safety directions from the instructor.

Students who are not engaging in these behaviors (e.g., wearing a mask) will be offered the opportunity to comply. If non-compliance continues, possible results include instructors asking the student to leave class and instructors dismissing the whole class. Students who do not comply with the required health behaviors are violating the University Code of Conduct and will be reported to the Dean of Students Office with sanctions ranging from educational requirements to dismissal from the university. Any student who has substantial reason to believe that another person in a campus room (e.g., classroom) is threatening the safety of others by not complying (e.g., not wearing a mask) may leave the room without consequence. The student is encouraged to report the behavior to and discuss next steps with their instructor. Students also have the option of reporting the behavior to the [Office of the Student Rights and Responsibilities](#). See also the [Purdue University Bill of Student Rights](#).

COVID-19: When attending face-to-face classes, please observe all safety precautions in the newly designed de-densified classrooms. Monitor yourself often and report any symptoms of COVID-19 to the Protect Purdue Health Center (PPHC). Be aware that things are constantly changing hence, for your own safety and that of others, stay informed.

Do not attend class if you experience any symptoms related to COVID-19. Students should stay home and contact the Protect Purdue Health Center (496-INFO) if they feel ill, have any symptoms with COVID-19, or suspect they have been exposed to the virus. In the current context of COVID-19, in-person attendance will not be a factor in the final grades, but the student still needs to inform the instructor of any conflict that can be anticipated and will affect the submission of an assignment or the ability to take an exam.

Emergency Preparation: In the event of a major campus emergency, course requirements, deadlines and grading percentages are subject to changes that may be necessitated by a revised semester calendar or other circumstances beyond the instructor's control. Relevant changes to this course will be posted on the course web page, Brightspace page, or can be obtained by contacting the instructor via email or phone. You are expected to read your @purdue.edu email on a frequent basis.

Academic Integrity: Purdue prohibits academic dishonesty. According to University policy cheating, plagiarism, lying, and deceit in any of their diverse forms (such as the use of substitutes for taking examinations, the use of illegal cribs, plagiarism, and copying during examinations) is dishonest and must not be tolerated. Moreover, knowingly to aid, abet, directly or indirectly, other parties in committing dishonest acts is in itself dishonest. If found guilty of academic dishonesty, possible penalties include a failing grade, a warning, probation, probated suspension, suspension, or expulsion. For more details see the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities [Statement on Academic Integrity](#).

Academic Adjustments for Students with Disabilities: Purdue University strives to make learning experiences accessible to all participants. If you anticipate or experience physical or academic barriers based on disability, you are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Center by email: drc@purdue.edu or

by phone: 765-494-1247. In this mathematics course accommodations are managed between the instructor, the student and DRC Testing Center. If you have been certified by the Disability Resource Center (DRC) as eligible for accommodations, you should contact your instructor to discuss your accommodations as soon as possible. Here are [instructions](#) for sending your Course Accessibility Letter to your instructor.

Diversity Welcome: Purdue University is committed to maintaining a community which recognizes and values the inherent worth and dignity of every person; fosters tolerance, sensitivity, understanding, and mutual respect among its members; and encourages each individual to strive to reach his or her own potential. In pursuit of its goal of academic excellence, the University seeks to develop and nurture diversity. The University believes that diversity among its many members strengthens the institution, stimulates creativity, promotes the exchange of ideas, and enriches campus life.

Counseling: Purdue University is committed to advancing the mental health and well-being of its students. If you or someone you know is feeling overwhelmed, depressed, and/or in need of support, services are available. For help, such individuals should contact [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CAPS) at (765)494-6995 or online during and after hours, on weekends and holidays, or by going to the CAPS office of the second floor of the Purdue University Student Health Center (PUSH) during business hours.

Course Evaluation: During the last two weeks of the course, you will be provided with an opportunity to evaluate this course and your instructor. Purdue uses an online course evaluation system. You will receive an official email from evaluation administrators with a link to the online evaluation site. You will have up to two weeks to complete this evaluation. Your participation is an integral part of this course, and your feedback is vital to improving education at Purdue University. You are strongly urged to participate in the evaluation process.