

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS
MA 322-004, *Linear Algebra*
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TEXT: *Linear Algebra and Its Applications*, 3rd ed., David C. Lay

CLASS PARTICIPATION: I expect each student to participate fully in the course. This means attending class, doing the homework, presenting problems at the board, asking questions, and answering questions.

HOMEWORK: Homework problems are the heart of the course. Problems will be assigned at the end of each section covered in the course. At the beginning of the next class, you will turn in a card showing what problems you can do. Details will be found on "The Cards Homework System."

EXAMINATIONS: There will be 4 exams. While the main emphasis on each examination will be on the material covered since the last examination, all examinations will be comprehensive; that is, over all the material covered from the beginning of the course. Each examination will be announced at least one week in advance.

GRADES: The first three exams are worth 100 points each. The fourth is worth 200 points. Homework is 100 points. Thus there will be a total of 600 points. Your grade will be determined by your point total and my subjective evaluation of how well you have mastered the course. Part of my evaluation will be based on class participation.

LANGUAGE: The ability to express ideas well, both in speech and in writing, is one of the main goals of education. I expect each student's work to be clear, well organized, and grammatically correct.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Wednesday	August 22	First day of classes
Tuesday	August 28	Last day to add a class
Monday	September 3	Labor Day - Academic Holiday
Wednesday	September 12	Last day to drop a course
Monday	October 15	Midterm
Friday	December 7	Last day of classes