

Math 2114: Introduction to Linear Algebra
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Text:	<i>Linear Algebra: A Modern Introduction</i> , 4th ed. by Poole (w/ WebAssign access)		
Supplemental Text:	<i>Elementary Linear Algebra</i> , 8th ed. by Larson		
Canvas:	https://canvas.vt.edu/courses/187483		
WebAssign Site:	https://www.webassign.net		
Course Website:	https://www.math.vt.edu/undergrad-math/courses/math-2114.html		

Course Content and Delivery:

This course covers: Vector and matrix algebra, systems of linear equations, linear independence, bases, matrices, determinants, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, orthonormal bases, rank, linear transformations, diagonalization, and some applications of all of the above. This is an *in-person course*.

Per Math Department policy, no further specifics of this course policy sheet may be made publicly available.

Tentative Schedule

- Week 1** M.L.K. Junior Day
§1.1 - The Geometry and Algebra of Vectors
§1.2 - Length and Angle: The Dot Product
§2.1 - Introduction to Linear Systems
- Week 2** §2.1 - Introduction to Linear Systems
§2.2 - Direct Methods for Solving Linear Systems
- Week 3** §2.2 - Direct Methods for Solving Linear Systems
§2.3 - Spanning Sets and Linear Independence
- Week 4** §3.1 - Matrix Operations
Exam 1 Review
- Week 5** Exam 1
§3.2 - Matrix Algebra
§3.3 - The Inverse of a Matrix
- Week 6** §3.3 - The Inverse of a Matrix
§3.5 - Subspaces, Basis, Dimension, and Rank
- Week 7** §3.5 - Subspaces, Basis, Dimension, and Rank
§6.3 - Change of Basis
§3.6 - Introduction to Linear Transformations
- Week 8** Spring Break
- Week 9** §3.6 - Introduction to Linear Transformations
Exam 2 Review
- Week 10** Exam 2
§4.1 - Introduction to Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
§4.2 - Determinants
- Week 11** §4.2 - Determinants
§4.3 - Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of $n \times n$ Matrices
- Week 12** §4.3 - Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of $n \times n$ Matrices
§4.4 - Similarity and Diagonalization
- Week 13** §3.7 - Applications (Markov Chains)
Exam 3 Review
- Week 14** Exam 3
§5.1 - Orthogonality in \mathbb{R}^n
§5.2 - Orthogonal Complements and Projections

- Week 15** §5.2 - Orthogonal Complements and Projections
§5.3 - The Gram–Schmidt Process and QR -Factorization
§7.3 - Least Squares
- Week 16** Final Exam Review