

# MATH 221.01: Linear Algebra and Applications, Spring 2021

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Class website: <https://sakai.duke.edu/portal/site/math.221.01.s21>

WF 10:15 – 11:30 am ET over Zoom

<https://duke.zoom.us/j/98261476518>

- Instructor:** Dr. Margaret (Maggie) Regan ([mregan@math.duke.edu](mailto:mregan@math.duke.edu), [www.margaretregan.com](http://www.margaretregan.com))
- Contact Method:** Please contact me by email with questions, comments, concerns, or requests for meetings or help. I will respond within 24 hours.
- Office Hours:** Mondays 10:30 am - 12:30 pm ET, Fridays 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET or by appointment.  
Recurring Zoom link: <https://duke.zoom.us/j/92288294053>
- Help Room:** Available Mondays and Thursdays from 7:00 - 10:00 pm ET. See [here](#) for more information, including Zoom links.
- Books:** *Linear Algebra: A Geometric Approach*, Theodore Shifrin and Malcolm Adams, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 2010, ISBN-10 1429215216.
- Description:** Systems of linear equations and elementary row operations, Euclidean  $n$ -space and subspaces, linear transformations and matrix representations, Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization process, determinants, eigenvectors and eigenvalues; applications. Introduction to proofs. A gateway to more advanced math courses. Not open to students who have taken Mathematics 216 or 218. *Prerequisite:* Mathematics 122, 112L or 122L.
- Attendance:** Students are expected to attend every class lecture. In the online learning environment, “attendance” is measured by your *presence* on the site and your *contributions* to the site. If a student has a major time zone misalignment, contact me and we will discuss attendance and class participation requirement accommodations.
- Electronics:** Please respect your fellow students and prevent your electronics from disrupting class. When entering a Zoom meeting, make sure to mute your audio. I encourage you to attend the Zoom meetings with your camera on as it helps us all communicate better.
- Course Structure:** Lecture videos on chapter material will be uploaded prior to class meetings to go over definitions, theorems, and illustrative examples (there will be 1-2 videos for a total of 15 minutes maximum). These will include notes and a transcription of the audio that will be available on Sakai at all times through the cloud. Watching these videos prior to class is a part of your Course Participation grade. Scheduled class meeting times (WF 10:15 – 11:30 am ET) will happen on Zoom and will consist of class discussions, critical thinking and applications problems, software exploration, and group work. Group discussion and help from fellow classmates will also take place on Piazza within Sakai. Participation in all aspects of the course is expected — please see grading structure for more details.
- Topics:** As time permits, we will cover Chapters 1-7 of the textbook and the following topics:
- vectors
  - $n$ -dimensional geometry
  - Gaussian elimination
  - linear systems

- matrix algebra
- linear transformations
- elementary matrices; transpose
- linear subspaces
- linear independence
- bases; dimension
- abstract vector spaces
- inner products
- projects; least squares
- orthonormal bases; Gram-Schmidt algorithm
- changes of basis
- abstract linear transformations
- determinants
- formulas for determinants
- eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- spectral theorem
- Jordan form
- systems of ordinary differential equations (ODEs)

**Objectives:** As time permits, the students will achieve the following objectives:

1. Students will be able to effectively use definitions, examples, theory, and algorithms from the topics outlined above.
2. Students will be able to recognize and write valid, rigorous proofs.
3. Students will be able to discuss mathematics, including: presenting solutions via zoom, generating examples for illustration as appropriate, seeking and finding holes in proposed proofs.

**Software and Technology:** This course will use software to perform computations related to topics in linear algebra. In class demonstrations will mainly use MATLAB (available for free to students from [Duke OIT](#)). Duke OIT can also assist with any Zoom or Sakai issues. You can also access the self-service help documentation for Zoom [here](#) and for Sakai [here](#).

Students with demonstrated high financial need who may have limited access to computers and stable internet may request assistance in the form of loaner laptops and WIFI hotspots. For new Spring 2021 technology assistance requests, please go [here](#). Please note that supplies are limited.

**Collaboration and Honor Code:** Students are permitted and encouraged to work together when doing homework, but copying work is not allowed. Include the names of any collaborators at the top of your homework submission. Examinations and homework are conducted under the [Duke Community Standard](#).

**Absences and Makeup Work:** Students are expected to arrive on time, stay the entire class, and contribute to the class discussion and group work. Excused absences and makeup exams will be handled according to [University policy](#). Please notify the instructor in writing (email message is acceptable) prior to the date of absence when this is feasible. In cases where advance notification is not feasible (e.g., accident or emergency), the student should notify me

as soon as possible.

**Grading:** The grading scheme will be the following:

Class Participation	10%
Homework	20%
Midterms 1, 2, & 3	3 @ 15% each
Final Exam	25%

Each component of the above grade is calculated based on percentages. The final grades will follow the breakdown below:

<b>A+ ≥ 97%</b>	<b>B+ ≥ 87%</b>	<b>C+ ≥ 77%</b>	<b>D+ ≥ 67%</b>	<b>F &lt; 60%</b>
<b>A ≥ 93%</b>	<b>B ≥ 83%</b>	<b>C ≥ 73%</b>	<b>D ≥ 63%</b>	
<b>A- ≥ 90%</b>	<b>B- ≥ 80%</b>	<b>C- ≥ 70%</b>	<b>D- ≥ 60%</b>	

See separate rubric for how class participation will be graded.

Homework will be submitted using Gradescope and is due every Wednesday starting January 27 at 10 pm ET. *Late homework will not be accepted.* See separate handout for grading scheme.

Exam Dates (see separate handout for how exams will be proctored)

Midterm 1: Wednesday, February 17 (during scheduled class time)

Midterm 2: Wednesday, March 17 (during scheduled class time)

Midterm 3: Wednesday, April 14 (during scheduled class time)

Final Exam: Wednesday, April 28 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm ET

**Appeal:** All appeals related to homework and exam grades must be submitted within 1 week after they are graded. To appeal, the student must submit to me the following: homework question or exam, written or typed note explaining which question(s) is/are being appealed, and the basis for the appeal (e.g., the question was mistakenly marked incorrectly, etc.). I will review each appeal and make appropriate changes.

**Disabilities:** Reasonable accommodations will be made for students who are registered with the [Student Disability Access Office](#). Such students should speak with me as soon as possible.

**Inclusivity:** Duke University's Office for Institutional Equity provides resources, events, and information about current initiatives at Duke to support equality for all members of the Duke community. I hope that you will communicate with me if you experience anything in this course that does not support an inclusive environment, and you can also report any incidents you may witness or experience on campus to the [Office for Institutional Equity](#).

**Mental Health and Wellness:** If your mental health concerns and/or stressful events negatively affect your daily emotional state, academic performance, or ability to participate in your daily activities, many resources are available to you, including ones listed below. Duke encourages all students to access these resources, particularly as we navigate the transition and emotions associated with this time. Duke Student Government has worked with DukeReach and student advocates to create the "[Two-Click Support](#)" Form, and DukeReach has expanded its drop in hours as well. Other

resources available are the following:

- **DukeReach.** Provides comprehensive outreach services to identify and support students in managing all aspects of wellbeing. Learn more [here](#).
- **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).** CAPS services include individual group, and couples counseling services, health coaching, psychiatric services, and workshops and discussions. (919) 660-1000
- **Blue Devils Care.** A convenient and cost-effective way for Duke students to receive 24/7 mental health support through TalkNow. Learn more [here](#).

In addition, managing daily stress and self-care are also important to well-being. Duke offers several resources for students to both seek assistance on coursework and improve overall wellness, some of which are listed below. Learn more [here](#).

- **The Academic Resource Center (ARC).** (919) 684-5917, [theARC@duke.edu](mailto:theARC@duke.edu)
- **DuWell.** (919) 681-8421, [duwell@studentaffairs.duke.edu](mailto:duwell@studentaffairs.duke.edu)
- **WellTrack.**