

Important Course Information - Math 2580/6650 - Intro to Linear Algebra - Spring 2013

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Course outline (including syllabus & homework assignments):

<http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/academics/deptsites/mathematics/docs/courses/MAT2580.pdf>

Textbook: *Linear Algebra and Its Applications (4th edition)* by David C. Lay

OpenLab course website (course blog for announcements/updates, discussion forums & more):

<http://openlab.citytech.cuny.edu/groups/mat-2580-intro-to-linear-algebra-spring-2013-ganguli/>

Grading:

A	= 93.0 - 100.0	C+	= 77.0 - 79.9	W	= withdrawal before April 18
A-	= 90.0 - 92.9	C	= 70.0 - 76.9	WF	= withdrawal after April 18
B+	= 87.0 - 89.9	D	= 60.0 - 69.9		
B	= 83.0 - 86.9	F	= 0 - 59.9		
B-	= 80.0 - 82.9				

Midterm exams (40% of grade): There will be 3 midterm exams. The lowest of your 3 midterm scores will be dropped. There will be **no makeup exams**. A missed exam will count as a 0 and will be the lowest exam score that is dropped. The tentative dates of the midterms are:

- Wednesday, February 27; Wednesday, March 20; and Wednesday, May 1

Final Exam (35%): The final exam will be given on the last class meeting of the semester (Wednesday, May 22). It will cover all the topics studied, and must be taken to pass the course.

Quizzes (10%): There will be 5 in-class quizzes (so each quiz counts as 2% of the final grade). Each quiz will consist of one or two problems, which will be very similar to assigned homework exercises and examples covered in class. Quiz schedule TBA in class.

Homework (15%): There will be 15 homework sets (so each homework set counts as 1% of the final grade), consisting of the exercises listed in the course outline. Homework will be collected on a weekly basis (schedule TBA in class). Each homework set will be spot-checked and will be scored ✓ (full credit), ✓- (half credit) or ✓+ (extra credit), based on completeness and correctness.

- **The best preparation for the exams and quizzes is to do the homework.**

Attendance: The college requires that attendance be recorded at each class session. If absences or lateness become excessive, you may be asked to withdraw from the course.

Help is available during office hours, and also via the College Learning Center's math tutoring (see <http://websupport2.citytech.cuny.edu/learningcenters/mathc.htm> for locations & hours). Don't wait until the last minute to get help. If there is something you don't understand, get help right away!