SYLLABUS FOR MATH 411/603
Linear Algebra/Matrix Analysis
Fall 2012
MW 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (Math & Psychology 401)

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Textbook: Sheldon Axler: *Linear Algebra Done Right (second edition).*
Prerequisites: Math 301 explicitly and Math 221 implicitly.

In this course we approach the subject of linear algebra axiomatically by defining vector spaces and linear transformations over general fields $F$, although the emphasis will be when the fields are real ($\mathbb{R}$) or complex ($\mathbb{C}$). The goal of the course is two-fold: (1) to understand and to be able to work with the axiomatic approach to the subject and (2) to get a better appreciation of the nature of special classes of linear transformations that arise in practice.

COURSE OUTLINE

Vector spaces (1: 2 - 12, 13 - 18)
Finite dimensional vector spaces (2: 22 - 34)
Linear maps (3: 38 - 53)
Polynomials (4: 64 - 72)
Eigenvalues and eigenvectors (5: 76 - 93)
Inner product spaces (6: 98 - 121)
Operators on inner product spaces (7: 128 - 157)
Operators on complex vector spaces (8: 163 - 187)
Operators on real vector spaces (9: 193 - 209)

GRADING POLICY

Your grade in this course will be based on two in-class midterm exams, a comprehensive final exam, homework problems, quizzes and class participation. Homework problems are assigned at the end of each class. I collect each Monday problems assigned during the previous week. These will have the following weights:

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<th>Weight</th>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>homework due every Monday</td>
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<td>December 14, Friday, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</td>
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Letter grades for the course will be based on your total score \( S \) which is the weighted sum of scores in the two midterm exams, homework, and the final exam:

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<th>( 85 &lt; S \leq 100 )</th>
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The grading system may be changed for the entire class or in individual cases at the discretion of the instructor.

**Class attendance is mandatory and will be checked routinely.**

By enrolling in this course, each student assumes the responsibilities of an active participant in UMBC’s scholarly community in which everyone’s academic work and behavior are held to the highest standards of honesty. Cheating, fabrication, plagiarism, and helping others to commit these acts are all forms of academic dishonesty, and they are wrong. Academic misconduct could result in disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, suspension or dismissal. To read the full Student Academic Conduct Policy, consult the UMBC Student Handbook, the Faculty Handbook, or the UMBC Policies section of the UMBC Directory.

**Learning Goals**

By the end of this course, you should:

- understand and remember the key ideas, concepts, definitions, and theorems of the subject,
- be able to apply mathematical theorems and computational algorithms correctly to answer questions, and interpret their results correctly, including potentially non-unique solutions or breakdowns of algorithms,
- be able to choose the most useful theorem or most efficient computational algorithm in a particular analytical or computational circumstance,
- appreciate the power of mathematical generalization (or abstraction) and understand how mathematical theory is developed,
- have enhanced your ability to communicate mathematical ideas and algorithms orally and in writing,
- have enhanced your ability to learn mathematics by reading mathematics books.

To achieve these goals, you should:

- preview each section before it is covered in the class,
- come to every class and ask questions,
- read the section in the text before attempting to work out its exercises; and read it again if necessary,
- form and participate in a study group,
- try hard to work out each exercise by yourself first; discuss it in a study group if necessary; and ask the instructor to show how it is done as a last resort only after the assignment is handed in,
- do and hand in each assignment on time.
IMPORTANT: You are expected to attempt to solve all the problems listed below. However, you are required to turn in only the required problems for grading. These will be collected at the beginning of the class every Monday unless instructed otherwise. Additional required and/or recommended problems may be assigned in class.

Assignment 1
required: 1: 4, 5, 6, 7, 9
recommended: 1: 1, 2, 3, 8, 10, 11

Assignment 2
required: 1: 8, 15; 2: 2, 5, 8
recommended: 1: 10, 13, 14; 2: 1, 3, 5, 6

Assignment 3
required: 2: 9, 11, 12, 14, 16; 3: 1, 4
recommended: 2: 10, 13, 15; 3: 2, 3

Assignment 4
required: 3: 5, 7, 9, 11, 12, 14
recommended: 3: 6, 8, 10, 13

Assignment 5
required: 3: 15, 16, 22, 23, 24
recommended: 3: 17, 18, 19, 20

Assignment 6
required: 4: 2; 5: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 15, 21
recommended: 4: 4, 5; 5: 2, 5, 9, 11 (see 4), 14, 16

Assignment 7
required: 5: 20; 6: 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 13, 14
recommended: 5: 18, 19, 22, 24; 6: 4, 6, 9

Assignment 8
required: 6: 17, 18, 21, 22, 24, 28, 30
recommended: 6: 16, 20, 25, 26, 31, 32

Assignment 9
required: 6: 26, 27, 29, 31; 7: 2, 4
recommended: 7: 1
Assignment 10
  required:  7: 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14
  recommended:  7: 3, 8
Assignment 11
  required:  7: 16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 30, 32
  recommended:  7: 17, 18, 21, 33
Assignment 12
  required:  8: 3, 5, 6, 7,
  recommended:  8: 9, 10, 11