

**MAT 532 — APPLIED LINEAR ALGEBRA
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Text: *Applied Linear Algebra*, by Peter J. Olver and Chehrzad Shakiban
Pearson Prentice Hall, ISBN 0-13-147382-4

Text website: www.math.umn.edu/~olver/ala.html

Course webpage: leuschke.org/teaching/MAT-532-fall-2014/

Course Description: Factorization of matrices, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, orthogonality, optimization problems. Applications of matrices to such topics as least-squares approximation, fast Fourier transform, difference and differential equations, linear programming, networks, game theory.

How much we can cover will depend to some extent on the backgrounds of the students. A certain amount of theory will be necessary beyond what is covered in MAT 331 or 485, but it will be in the service of the applications. Furthermore, we will pay attention to computational issues and practical limitations that would normally be ignored in a pure linear algebra course.

I expect to cover the first six chapters of the text, with some omissions, and if time allows we will cover part of Chapter 8 as well. Much of chapters 1 and 2 should be review and will be covered quickly.

Prerequisite: MAT 331, MAT 485, or graduate standing.

Grading: I will use the following scheme to compute your grade:

Homework: 25%

Hour exams: 2@ 25% each

Final exam: 25%

Homework: Homework will generally be assigned and collected weekly. You are free to work with other people in the class, but should turn in your solutions in your own handwriting.

Hour exams: There will be two hour-long exams during the semester, given in lecture.

Exam 1: Thursday 2 October

Exam 2: Thursday 6 November

Any changes to this schedule will be announced in class and on the course webpage.

Final exam: Wednesday 10 December, 5:15pm–7:15pm (“exam period 11”). The final will be cumulative, with an emphasis on the last third of the course.

Course web page: From time to time, interesting or useful information will appear on [the course web page](#). You should make a habit of checking it regularly (and remind me if I forget to update it).

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