

MAT 531 – M002 – Second Course in Linear Algebra

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The course will cover Chapters 1,2,5, and 6 in the textbook as well as some additional topics if time permits. Mathematically, the course will be similar to MAT 331. However, it is not intended to be an immediate continuation of MAT 331. Rather, it will reintroduce important concepts of linear algebra in a more abstract, coordinate-free setting. Consequently, the focus of this course will be on proofs and concepts, not on calculations. The course will cover the following topics:

- Abstract vector spaces and bases
- Linear transformations and their matrix representations
- Eigenvalues and eigenvectors
- Inner product spaces
- Applications

More information can be found below:

- **Text:** *Linear Algebra*, by Friedberg, Insel, and Spence, Fourth Edition, Prentice Hall, 2003.
- **Classes:** TTh 3:30 PM - 4:50 PM, 200 Carnegie
- **Office Hours:** Tuesday 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM and Thursday 5 PM - 6 PM and by appointment
- **Course Webpage:** <https://smwehrli.expressions.syr.edu/teaching/mat-531-spring-2018>
- **Midterm Exam:** There will be one midterm exam, which will tentatively be given on Tuesday, March 6.
- **Final Exam:** The final exam will cover the entire course and will be given on Friday, May 4, from 8 AM to 10 AM in 200 Carnegie. Time and location of the final exam are subject to change.
- **Homework:** Homework problems will be assigned weekly and announced on the course webpage. Working independently on the assignments will probably help you to learn the material more effectively and to do better on exams. However, you may (and sometimes should) work with others to fully understand the material. You must write your own solutions to homework problems. You are encouraged to see me for help. You should not limit your practice only to the assigned problems. Find and do other problems. You may ask about any linear algebra problems during class. In addition to problems from our text that I have not assigned, there are other sources of problems including other texts and problem books. Homework is due on Thursdays at the beginning of class.
- **Grading:** The midterm exam will count for 30% of your course grade and the final exam for 40%. The remaining 30% will come from the homework.
- **Calculators:** Calculators will not be allowed on the exams. This includes calculators on cell phones. All electronic devices other than the calculator should be silenced and put away during class.

- **Students with Disabilities:** If you believe that you need academic adjustments (accommodations) for a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), visit the ODS website– <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu>, located in Room 309 of 804 University Avenue, or call (315) 443-4498 or TDD: (315) 443-1371 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting academic adjustments. ODS is responsible for coordinating disability-related academic adjustments and will issue students with documented Disabilities Accommodation Authorization Letters, as appropriate. Since academic adjustments may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact ODS as soon as possible.
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