Course Policies and Information for Math 413, Section 2 Spring 2011
Linear Algebra

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By appointment for special circumstances

TEXTBOOK: *Linear Algebra (An Introductory Approach), 4th edition* by C. W. Curtis.
You may also wish to look at this free online textbook:
http://www.math.ucdavis.edu/~anne/mat67_course_notes.pdf
as a supplement to the main text. You are responsible for the information contained in the main text for this course, and many of your homework problems will come from this text.

COURSE GRADES: Your grade in this course will be determined as follows:

In-Class Exams (2)	30%
Final Exam	40%
Homework/Quizzes	30%

ATTENDANCE: The sharing of ideas is a key element in the learning of mathematics. You will be expected to actively participate in the class by working cooperatively, sharing thought processes, asking questions, and making comments. To achieve this, you must attend class on a regular basis. Students who miss more than 4 days of class during the semester may be administratively dropped from the course. Students who do not attend the first two days of class and have not contacted the instructor with a reasonable excuse for not being present in class may be administratively dropped from the course.

EXAMS: There will be 2 in-class exams. I will give you the tentative dates for these as soon as possible, and you will have the exact dates at least a week in advance.

QUIZZES: Quizzes will be given on a regular basis. Quizzes may be announced or unannounced.

HOMEWORK: Homework will be assigned on a (mostly) weekly basis. The questions are involved and require more than rote calculations. You will often be expected to not only solve a problem but to justify or explain the steps you used to solve it. You will also be expected to write cogent proofs. The homework is designed to help you develop your understanding of the subject material, as well as to help you develop a notion of "appropriate mathematical rigor." Please ensure that all homework is legible. Give yourself enough space to do the work and enough space for me to make comments. **Late homework will not be accepted.** Homework that consists of multiple pages must be stapled. Use 8 ½" x 11" paper and remove fringes. You are encouraged to work together to discuss and solve problems, but the work you turn in must be written in your own words. Academic integrity (according to the University standards) will be strictly enforced.

MISSED WORK/EXAMS: If you are absent from class for any reason, it is your responsibility to determine what you missed and turn it in with the rest of the class. You will not be given an extension to turn work in because you were not present the day it was assigned. If something was due on the day you were absent, it still must be turned in on time and will not be accepted late.

In the event that a verifiable emergency prevents you from taking an exam at the scheduled time, you must notify me ASAP. Make-up exams may be given at my discretion in the event of extraordinary circumstances.

CLASSROOM CONDUCT: Everyone is expected to treat everyone else in the class with courtesy and respect. Please familiarize yourself with the University's Code of Conduct at http://dos.web.arizona.edu/uapolicies/scc5308abcd.html

Cell phones, PDAs, MP3 players, alarm watches, and other electronic devices must be turned off and stored out of sight for the duration of the class period.

INCOMPLETE GRADES: A grade of incomplete will be given only according to University policy as described at http://www.registrar.arizona.edu/gradepolicy/incomplete.htm A grade of incomplete is never given when a student must repeat the course; in such a case, the grade of "E" will be assigned.

Students with Disabilities: If you anticipate barriers related to the format or requirements of this course, please meet with me so that we can discuss ways to ensure your full participation in the course. If you determine that disability-related accommodations are necessary, please register with Disability Resources (621-3268; drc.arizona.edu) and notify me of your eligibility for reasonable accommodations. We can then plan how best to coordinate your accommodations.

Some Important Dates (others can be found on the Arizona website):

January 12th : First day of classes.

January 17th: Martin Luther King Jr Holiday, No classes

January 20th: Last day to add classes or change your section or grading for courses on UAccess.

February 8th: Last day to use UAccess to drop the class without a grade (or change your grading with instructor's approval). It is also the last day to file the GRO form.

March 8th: Last day to withdraw from the class or change to an audit with the permission of the instructor (remains on the transcript). After this date (and up to the last day of classes), any schedule changes require the approval of the instructor and the Dean, which will only be given in extraordinary circumstances.

May 10th: Final Exam, 1:00pm-3:00pm
There will be no makeup exams allowed for the final, except in the case of documented medical emergencies. Early finals will not be given under any circumstances. Make your travel plans accordingly.