

Time: M,T,Th,F 10–11  
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Textbook: *Elementary Linear Algebra*, 2nd edition,  
by Stephen Andrilli and David Hecker

### Grading

- Quizzes (and Homework, if any) – 20%
- Two Midterm Exams – 25% each
- Final Exam – 30%

**Quizzes** will be usually given every Friday at the beginning of class. Quiz problems will be usually taken out of homework for the previous week or two. Hence, the quizzes are open-notebook. (Please note that other people's notebooks are closed to you.) Mere oracular answers will get little, if any, credit. There will be no makeup quizzes. Two lowest quiz grades will be dropped. **Exams** will be announced 1-2 weeks in advance. All exams will be cumulative, but with emphasis on new material. The first midterm will be in late September; the second midterm, in late October or early November. If you cannot attend a midterm due to extraordinary circumstances, you must notify me in advance to be allowed to make it up. **Homework** assignments will be given in class on most days. These should be done regularly but are not be turned in unless explicitly stated.

Reserve at least 1-2 hours for homework between each pair of classes. You may find it useful to work on homework problems in groups of 2-5 people. In such groups, give-and-take is important. If you only give or only take (especially, the latter!), you are in a wrong group. Make sure you understand solutions to all homework problems, even those you did not solve yourself.