## Math 341, Elementary Linear Algebra

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Text Book: Linear Algebra and Its Applications, by David C. Lay, Custom Edition for the University of Oregon
Prerequisites: MATH 252. MATH 253 recommended.

**Course Content:** Vector and matrix algebra; *n*-dimensional vector spaces; systems of linear equations; linear independence and dimension; linear transformations; rank and nullity; determinants; eigenvalues; inner product spaces; theory of a single linear transformation.

Attendance: If you miss a class it is your responsibility to find out what happened in that class.

**Homework:** (20%) Will be posted on *Blackboard* weekly. Some (not all) of the assigned problems will be graded. Homework assignments will be collected on **Fridays**. The lowest homework score will be dropped. Students are encouraged to work on homework problems together. However, every one must write up her or his solutions individually. **Important Remark.** Late homework will not be accepted.

Quizzes: (15%) There will be two short quizzes on Monday, October 8 and Monday, November 19.

They will be based on previous homework assignments.

Midterm: (30%) Monday, October 29

Final Exam: (35%)

**Remark.** Calculators, Mathematica, etc are neither allowed nor needed in exams and quizzes. Students are expected to be able to carry out matrix calculations by hand. You may bring one card  $3 \times 5$  inches with any formula you wish during the midterm and the final exams.

**Tentative Plan:** We are going to cover the following sections from the textbook: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9 2.1, 2.2, 2.4, 2.5, 2.8, 2.9 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 5.1, 5.2.