

# **MA-3113 08: Introduction to Linear Algebra (Fall 2023)**

## **Instructor**

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## **Class**

**OLMAIN 3200: MW 02:00 – 03:15 PM**

## **Office Hours**

MW 10:00 – 11:30AM, or by appointment

## **Course Description**

(Prerequisite: MA 1723). Three hours lecture. Basic principles of linear algebra; vector spaces; matrices; matrix algebra; linear transformations; systems of linear equations; eigenvalues and eigenvectors; orthogonality and Gram-Schmidt process.

## **Course Materials**

- **Text:** SEONGJAI KIM, *Introduction to Linear Algebra*, Lecture note: Click [HERE](#) to download

## **Class Plan**

- The students are expected to complete 10-12 sets of homework.
- The students will work on a project, developing and implementing computational algorithms.
- They will take three mid-terms and the final, with the final being comprehensive.
- For Campus 5, the students are expected to complete and turn in assignments via Canvas.

## **Learning Objectives**

- To understand basic principles of linear algebra and apply them for solving problems related to vector spaces and matrix algebra.
- To recognize mathematical issues that arise with linear algebra.
- To experience both mathematical principles and related computer programming.

**Content**

The course covers the lecture note.

Ch. 1 Linear Equations

Ch. 2 Matrix Algebra

Ch. 3 Determinants

Ch. 4 Vector Spaces

Ch. 5 Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Ch. 6 Orthogonality and Least Squares

**Delivery Methods for Campus 5**

- A webcam will be installed in the classroom and connected to Canvas for students in Campus 5. Thus for Campus 5, lectures are synchronous through Canvas (WebEx connection).
- All the lectures will be recorded and uploaded on Canvas and YouTube, for students who need flexible time schedules to study. The YouTube URL will be announced in Canvas.

**Exams**

There will be three mid-term exams and a comprehensive final exam.

- Final exam will cover all chapters considered.

**Homework**

Homework will be assigned after each 3-5 hours of lecture and collected within a week. Some problems will require mathematical derivation/proof. Students are required not to miss homework. Late homework submissions may be accepted with a penalty of 15~20% score reduction per week; this is for unexcused absences only and excused absences will not be penalized.

**Projects**

The students will work on a project, developing and implementing computational algorithms.

**Report Assignments**

You are expected to complete and turn all assignments via **Canvas**. For each of assignments, you should **report your work by uploading a file in doc/docx or pdf**, showing details.

**Campus 5: Discussions and Questions**

Students in distance learning are encouraged to post questions and other concerns on discussion board in Canvas and communicate with your class mates. Also you may send emails to the instructor to ask questions.

**Evaluation**

The students' understanding of the concepts covered in this course will be evaluated by a combination of homework assignments, three mid-term exams, a project, and the final exam. The overall final grade will be calculated in the following manner:

Homework	33%
3 Mid-terms	33% (11% each)
Project	11%
The final exam	23%

**Final Grade**

The standard MSU grading scale will be considered:

$\geq 90\%$	A
80~ 89.99%	B
70~ 79.99%	C
60~ 69.99%	D
Below 60%	F

When the average performance of students is lower than a certain level, a curve will be given at the end of the class.

*Below are the standard MSU policies in education and learning.*

**Attendance Policy**

This section is a face-to-face instructional class. Per Academic Operating Policy 12.09, students are expected to attend all class meetings in person. Should a student expect a university-excused absence from a class, the student should contact the course instructor of record to inform them of the absence and the reason for it. Special instructions regarding illness and contagious infection are included in the syllabus section entitled: Contagious Infection and Other Health Accommodations for face-to-face instruction.

**General Class Information**

By attending class, you agree to behave in a manner that allows for you and your classmates to learn effectively. If you disrupt class or behave in any other inappropriate fashion, you will be dismissed from class. Repeated instances of disruptive behavior will result in permanent dismissal. Also, all cell phones must be turned off before entering the classroom and left off until class is dismissed.

**Student Honor Code**

Mississippi State has an approved Honor Code that applies to all students. The code is as follows: "As a Mississippi State University student, I will conduct myself with honor and integrity at all times. I will not lie, cheat, or steal, nor will I accept the actions of those who do." Upon accepting admission to Mississippi State University, a student immediately assumes a commitment to uphold the Honor Code, to accept

responsibility for learning, and to follow the philosophy and rules of the Honor Code. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.honorcode.msstate.edu>.

### **Title IX**

MSU is committed to complying with Title IX, a federal law that prohibits discrimination, including violence and harassment, based on sex. This means that MSU's educational programs and activities must be free from sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, and other forms of sexual misconduct. If you or someone you know has experienced sex discrimination, sexual violence and/or harassment by and member of the University community, you are encouraged to report the conduct to MSU's Director of Title IX/EEO Programs at 325-8124 or by e-mail to [titleix@msstate.edu](mailto:titleix@msstate.edu). Additional resources are available at <https://www.oci.msstate.edu/focus-areas/title-ix-sexual-misconduct>. If you need help, please contact the MSU Safeline at 325-3333.

### **Student Support Services**

Students who need academic accommodations based on a disability should visit the Office of Student Support Services, 01 Montgomery Hall, call 325-3335, or visit the website at <http://www.sss.msstate.edu>.

### **University Safety Statement**

Mississippi State University values the safety of all campus community members. Students are encouraged to register for Maroon Alert texts and to download the Everbridge App. Visit the Personal Information section in Banner on your mystate portal to register. To report suspicious activity or to request a courtesy escort via Safe Walk, call University Police at 662-325-2121, or in case of emergency, call 911. For more information regarding safety and to view available training resources, including helpful videos, visit [ready.msstate.edu](http://ready.msstate.edu).

### **Attendance policy for Face-to-face Instruction**

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### **Contagious Infection and Other Health Accommodations for Face-to-face Instruction**

Students required to isolate due to symptomatic or asymptomatic contagious infection or quarantine due to potential exposure to contagious infection will be accommodated on a case-by-case basis. Such students must provide an excuse from either the Dean of Students, the Longest Student Health Center, or qualified medical practitioner directing quarantine procedures, and the recommended date of return. Information provided will be enforced at the instructor's discretion.

In cases meriting accommodation, quarantining students may be expected to log into the lecture during the scheduled class time or complete equivalent assignments ap-

proved by the instructor. If a student is too ill to participate in a class at the scheduled time, the student may be provided a link to a recording of the lecture or offered a similar accommodation as determined by the instructor.

It is the responsibility of the student to initiate and maintain contact with their instructor(s) regarding their quarantine status. All accommodations are subject to the instructions provided by the Dean of Students', Longest Student Health Center, or qualified medical practitioner.

### **Continuity of Instruction**

In the event that face-to-face classes are suspended due to the pandemic or its effects, the instructor will continue instruction in a manner that best supports the course content and student engagement. In this event, all instructors will notify all students of the change via their university email address (the official vehicle for communication with students). At that time, they will provide details about how instruction and communication will continue, how academic integrity will be ensured, and what students may expect during the time that face-to-face classes are suspended. If a student becomes unable to continue class participation, the student should contact their instructor and advisor for guidance.

### **Facial Coverings**

To safeguard the health of all members of the MSU campus during this global pandemic, the university has reconfigured classroom spaces and adjusted room capacities to assure adequate physical distance between all individuals in each room. In addition, the university has published requirements for the use of face coverings for everyone on campus, including specific requirements for their use in all classrooms, labs, and shared office spaces regardless of physical distancing. In order to mutually protect the students' freedom to learn and the instructor's ability to teach in a safe classroom environment, everyone in this classroom is required to wear a face covering in the classroom in accordance with MSU policy. If a student cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition, they should request an accommodation via the Office of Disability Support Services. If a student simply doesn't want to wear a face covering, they will not be permitted to remain in the classroom or lab.

### **Generative AI**

Mississippi State University recognizes the introduction of generative artificial intelligence (generative AI) provides opportunities for scholarly rigor, intellectual integrity, and educational excellence. Nevertheless, the use of generative AI also poses issues related to academic integrity. Currently, individual instructors are encouraged to establish class-specific guidelines concerning the use of generative AI within their courses. The student must consult the syllabus for each class they are taking to determine if and to what degree generative AI is allowed.

### **Mandatory Reporting**

Faculty members at Mississippi State University are required to report any information received about possible sexual misconduct. This includes information shared in class discussions or assignments, as well as information shared in conversations

outside class. The purpose of reporting is to allow MSU to take steps to ensure a safe learning environment for all. The university also has confidential resources available, who can provide assistance to those who have experienced sexual misconduct without requiring a mandatory reporting duty. Students may access confidential campus resources here: <https://www.civilrights.msstate.edu/title-ix-sexual-misconduct/resources>.