CLASS MEETING SCHEDULE:  MWF 12:40 pm - 1:30 pm, C212 WH

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OFFICE HOURS:

MW 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, or by appointment.

You are encouraged to come to my office or go to the Math Learning Center.

TEXTBOOK:

“Matrix analysis and applied linear algebra” by Carl D. Meyer.

Bring your textbook to every class meeting.

HOMEWORK:

You are expected to know how to solve all homework questions. Solving those questions is an effective way to prepare yourself for quizzes and exams. It is extremely important that you try to solve the questions yourself first before you get help.

You may be asked to turn in your homework if your performance on quizzes or tests is below class average.

TESTS:

First test: Oct. 6
Second test: Nov. 12
Final Exam: Monday Dec. 13, 12:45-2:45 pm

GRADE:

Your course grade is based on a total of 600 points: 300 from the tests, 200 from the final and 100 from the quizzes.

CLASS ATTENDANCE:

Students are expected to attend all class meetings.

Any changes in this syllabus or in the schedules of tests, quizzes, etc., will be announced during class meetings.
SOME IMPORTANT DATES:

- Monday Aug. 30 - first day of classes
- Friday Sept. 3 - Last day of computer/telephone enrollment. Also the last day to change to or from CR/NR or visitor for Fall 2004.
- Monday Sept. 6 - Holiday: University closed.
- Friday Sept. 10 - Last day to late add a course or change sections within a course. NOTE: from Tues. Sept 7 to Friday Sept. 10 students MUST go to A212 WH to make these class changes.
- Thursday Sept. 23 - Last day to drop a course and receive a full refund.
- Tuesday Oct. 19 - (MIDDLE OF SEMESTER): Last day to drop a course with no grade reported.
- Thursday Nov. 25 and Friday Nov. 26 - Holiday: University closed.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR STUDY:

- Attend every class meeting. Be active in class.
- After each class meeting, read class notes or textbook, and do the corresponding homework. Study together with a couple of classmates or friends if possible.
- Understand (not simply memorize) the concepts and methods. When you know what is really going on behind them, you can easily remember them.
- Every weekend, summarize what you learn during the week, what you understand and what you don’t understand.
- Regularly come to my office hours and the Math Learning Center for help. Problems can be easily solved when they are still small. Get help as soon as possible.
- WORK HARD! Studying math is not an easy job.