

SYLLABUS AND COURSE INFORMATION FALL2026
MATH 2318 – Linear Algebra
Day and Time: TTH 12:30PM-1:45PM **Room:** DTH 304
Meets 8/20/2026 through 12/11/2026,

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Text: **Linear Algebra and its Applications, 5th edition, by David C. Lay**

Extra Curriculum Text- not for teaching- Linear Algebra and Optimization for Machine, Learning, Springer Nature, ISBN 978-3-030-40343-0 ISBN 978-3-030-40344-7, by Charu C. Aggarwal

The teacher's notes of a lecture will be posted in D2L before the lecture. Some lectures and proofs go beyond the book and the notes. Hence participating in the lectures is useful and necessary.

Pre-requisite: MATH 2414 Min Grade C or MATH 192 Min Grade C

Course Content: Chapter 1-except 1.10; Chapter 2 – 2.1-2.3, 2.8, 2.9; Chapter 4: 4.1-4.6; Chapter 5: 5.1-5.3; Chapter 6: 6.1-6.3; **Note:** Sections 6.1-6.3 will be covered upon time permission.

SLOs: 1.The students will learn the theory of: linear equations, matrix algebra, Vector Spaces, Linearly independent sets, bases, Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors. 2. The students will know how to apply and solve practical problems with the above theoretical concepts. 3. The students will learn how to communicate their knowledge.

COURSE EVALUATION

Basis for Evaluation:

In-class exam(s)	- 44%
HW, In-class problems	- 16%
Short quizzes	- 14%
Comprehensive final exam	- 26%

Grading Policy: **A:** 100%- 90% ; **B:** 89% - 80%; **C:** 79% - 70%; **D:** 69% - 60%; **F:** < 59 %

The professor reserves the right to reward students for continuous hard work.

Additional Performances: Home Practice Problems; Extra Credit Problems

Course Content & Calendar: *The 1st lecture will take place on August 20, 1st week– intro to the class and basic concepts, 1.1-1.3; 2nd week – 1.4-1.5; 3rd and 4th weeks-1.6 –1.9; 5th and 6th weeks- 2.1-2.3, 2.8; 7th week- 2.9, 4.1; 8th - 10th weeks – 4.2-4.5; 11th week 4.6, 5.1, 5.2; 12th and 13th weeks – 5.3, 6.1, 6.2; 14th and 15th weeks–6.3. Preparation for the Final Exam.*

During the teaching the instructor will show the links between linear algebra and Machine Learning

Complementary Knowledge: *Applications of Linear Algebra to Machine Learning and Neural Networks will be described during the appropriate lessons. This is NOT our textbook:*

Helpful Book: Linear Algebra and Optimization for Machine Learning, ISBN 978-3-030-40343-0 ISBN 978-3-030-40344-7 (eBook), ©Springer Nature Switzerland AG 2020

Final Test Sections: 02E Date: Thursday–December 10, 2026 Time: 10:30AM-2:30PM

COURSE POLICIES

HW: *to be solved at home. No makeup is allowed.*

Short quizzes: *are to be solved independently during the class period. No makeup is allowed.*

Tests: *The two in-class tests will be given roughly at regular intervals. Students will be informed of the test dates around a week in advance. The test will take one class period and will be given at the scheduled times only. No opportunity will be given to take the test at earlier or later times except in cases of formal institutional excuses as mentioned above.*

Makeup: *Except in the case of a formal institutional excuse, no individual makeup test will be permitted.*

Cheating: HW, test, quizzes, extra credit problems results will be canceled in case of cheating.

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Commerce, Texas
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