



EAST TEXAS A&M

MATH 531.01W – Theory of Matrices

COURSE SYLLABUS: Fall- 2026

INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Class Location:	Online/MyLeo
Class Time:	NA

COURSE INFORMATION

Textbook: Optional, course notes will be provided.

Supplementary texts (Not required):

1. Matrix analysis and applied linear algebra, Carl D. Meyer, 2nd edition.
ISBN 978-1-61197-743-1, SIAM
2. Matrix Mathematics, A second course in linear algebra, Stephan Ramon Garcia and Roger A. Horn, ISBN 978-1-108-82710-1, Cambridge University Press.

Calculator: optional.

Course Description

Hours: 3

Covers real and complex vector spaces, subspaces, linear operators, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, inner product spaces, orthogonality, operators on inner product spaces, singular

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value, LU and range-null-space decompositions, pseudo-inverse, canonical forms.

Prerequisites: [MATH 2305](#) and 2414 with minimum grades of C or [MATH 2318](#) with a minimum grade of C. Crosslisted with: [MATH 333](#).

Student Learning Outcomes Upon successful completion of this course a students will:

- Demonstrate a thorough knowledge of vector spaces and subspaces, linear independence, basis, dimension and rank.
- Understand linear transformations, change of basis and similarity.
- Apply matrix factorization techniques such as LU factorization.
- Calculate vector norms and matrix norms.
- Use decomposition theorems such as Range-Null Space, singular value decomposition.
- Identify different types of matrices and forms such as positive definite, normal and Jordan form.
- Learn applications of matrix analysis.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Minimal Technical Skills Needed

Access MyLeo online.

Attendance and participation

Online attendance is required. Your log in, lecture video viewing, completion of homework determines the online participation in this course.

Instructional Methods

Instruction is done through video lectures. Links to video lectures will be uploaded to MyLeo-online. Please make sure to watch the videos and read lecture notes.

GRADING

Final grades in this course will be based on the following scale:

Midterm Exams:	50%
Home work:	25%
Final Exam:	25%

Total:	100%

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Exams: There will be two midterm exams and a comprehensive final exam for this course.

Proctoring-outside ETAMU

Students will not be required to come to campus, but will work with the faculty to arrange face-to-face testing at their location. Students are responsible for any testing fees if they choose an off-campus testing center. Please contact the faculty at least one week before the exam about testing information.

Proctoring at ETAMU: Exams will be proctored face-to-face in EDN 108. Time will be announced later.

Exam 1: Wednesday, September 30th 2026:

Exam 2: Wednesday, November 11th 2026:

Final Exam: TBA

Home Work:

At end of each chapter, homework problems will be assigned and will be graded. Homework will be assigned through “Assignments” in MyLeo-online. You will be able to upload a pdf file through this link. The assignment that you submit must be your own work. Exams are closed book and proctored therefore please avoid AI.

Please submit the home work in pdf format as a single file. Save the file as firstname_lastname_HW#.pdf

Late Home Work: It is essential that you submit your homework by the due date. Late submissions may incur late penalties.

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

LMS

All course sections offered by ETAMU have a corresponding course shell in the myLeo Online Learning Management System (LMS). Below are technical requirements

LMS Requirements:

<https://community.brightspace.com/s/article/Brightspace-Platform-Requirements>

LMS Browser Support:

https://documentation.brightspace.com/EN/brightspace/requirements/all/browser_support.htm

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ACCESS AND NAVIGATION

You will need your campus-wide ID (CWID) and password to log into the course. If you do not know your CWID or have forgotten your password, contact the Center for IT Excellence (CITE) at 903.468.6000 or helpdesk@etamu.edu.

Note: Personal computer and internet connection problems do not excuse the requirement to complete all course work in a timely and satisfactory manner. Each student needs to have a backup method to deal with these inevitable problems. These methods might include the availability of a backup PC at home or work, the temporary use of a computer at a friend's home, the local library, office service companies, Starbucks, a ETAMU campus open computer lab, etc.

COMMUNICATION AND SUPPORT

If you have any questions or are having difficulties with the course material, please contact your Instructor.

Technical Support

If you are having technical difficulty with any part of Brightspace, please contact Brightspace Technical Support at 1-877-325-7778. Other support options can be found here:

<https://community.brightspace.com/support/s/contactsupport>

COURSE AND UNIVERSITY PROCEDURES/POLICIES

Course Specific Procedures/Policies

You are expected to attend all classes.

Syllabus Change Policy

The syllabus is a guide. Circumstances and events, such as student progress, may make it necessary for the instructor to modify the syllabus during the semester. Any changes made to the syllabus will be announced in advance.

University Specific Procedures

Student Conduct

Appropriate classroom behavior is required to attend this class.

All cell phones must be put on silent during class.

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All students enrolled at the University shall follow the tenets of common decency and acceptable behavior conducive to a positive learning environment. The Code of Student Conduct is described in detail in the [Student Guidebook](#).

<http://www.etamu.edu/Admissions/oneStopShop/undergraduateAdmissions/studentGuidebook.aspx>

Students should also consult the Rules of Netiquette for more information regarding how to interact with students in an online forum: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/netiquette>

ETAMU Attendance

For more information about the attendance policy please visit the [Attendance Procedure 13.99.99.R0.01](#).

<http://www.etamu.edu/admissions/registrar/generalInformation/attendance.aspx>

<http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/academic/13.99.99.R0.01.pdf>

Academic Integrity

Students at ETAMU are expected to maintain high standards of integrity and honesty in all of their scholastic work. For more details and the definition of academic dishonesty see the following procedures:

[Undergraduate Academic Dishonesty](#)

[13.99.99.R0.03http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf](http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/undergraduates/13.99.99.R0.03UndergraduateAcademicDishonesty.pdf)

[Graduate Student Academic Dishonesty 13.99.99.R0.10](#)

<http://www.etamu.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/13students/graduate/13.99.99.R0.10GraduateStudentAcademicDishonesty.pdf>

Students with Disabilities-- ADA Statement

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact:

Office of Student Disability Resources and Services

East Texas A&M University

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Watters Library- Room 162

Phone (903) 886-5150 or (903) 886-5835

Fax (903) 468-8148

Email: studentdisabilityservices@etamu.edu

Website: [Office of Student Disability Resources and Services](#)

<http://www.etamu.edu/campusLife/campusServices/studentDisabilityResourcesAndServices/>

Nondiscrimination Notice

East Texas A&M University will comply in the classroom, and in online courses, with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination and related retaliation on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, genetic information or veteran status. Further, an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression will be maintained.

Campus Concealed Carry Statement

Texas Senate Bill - 11 (Government Code 411.2031, et al.) authorizes the carrying of a concealed handgun in East Texas A&M University buildings only by persons who have been issued and are in possession of a Texas License to Carry a Handgun. Qualified law enforcement officers or those who are otherwise authorized to carry a concealed handgun in the State of Texas are also permitted to do so. Pursuant to Penal Code (PC) 46.035 and ETAMU Rule 34.06.02.R1, license holders may not carry a concealed handgun in restricted locations.

For a list of locations, please refer to the [Carrying Concealed Handguns On Campus](#) document and/or consult your event organizer.

Web url:
<http://www.tamuc.edu/aboutUs/policiesProceduresStandardsStatements/rulesProcedures/34SafetyOfEmployeesAndStudents/34.06.02.R1.pdf>

Pursuant to PC 46.035, the open carrying of handguns is prohibited on all ETAMU campuses. Report violations to the University Police Department at 903-886-5868 or 9-1-1.

ETAMU Supports Students' Mental Health

The Counseling Center at ETAMU, located in the Halladay Building, Room 203, offers counseling services, educational programming, and connection to community resources for students. Students have 24/7 access to the Counseling Center's crisis assessment services by calling 903-886-5145. For more information regarding Counseling Center events and confidential services, please visit www.etamu.edu/counsel

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AI use policy

East Texas A&M University acknowledges that there are legitimate uses of Artificial Intelligence, ChatBots, or other software that has the capacity to generate text, or suggest replacements for text beyond individual words, as determined by the instructor of the course.

Any use of such software must be documented. Any undocumented use of such software constitutes an instance of academic dishonesty (plagiarism).

Individual instructors may disallow entirely the use of such software for individual assignments or for the entire course. Students should be aware of such requirements and follow their instructors' guidelines. If no instructions are provided the student should assume that the use of such software is disallowed.

In any case, students are fully responsible for the content of any assignment they submit, regardless of whether they used an AI, in any way. This specifically includes cases in which the AI plagiarized another text or misrepresented sources.

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COURSE OUTLINE / CALENDAR

Week	Topic
1	Chapter 1
2	Chapter 2
3	Chapter 3
4	Chapter 3
5	Chapter 4
6	Chapter 4 Exam
7	Chapter 5
8	Chapter 5
9	Chapter 6
10	Chapter 6
11	Chapter 7
12	Chapter 9, Exam 2
13	Chapter 10
14	Chapter 11
15	Chapter 12

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