

MATH 2255 Linear Algebra-WAO

W2025

Course Outline and Syllabus

Course Description Matrices and systems of linear equations; linear transformations and matrices; elementary matrix algebra; determinants; vector spaces; change of bases; real eigenvalues and eigenvectors; applications.

Credit Weight: 0.5

Prerequisite(s): None

Faculty Information

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Class Schedule

Lectures	Monday & Wednesday	1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Location: OA-2019
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Course Resources

- **Linear Algebra and Its Applications (5th or 6th Edition), David C. Lay, Steven R. Lay, Judi J. McDonald.**
- 6-month eTextbook access to 6th edition can be purchased from [Pearson website](#) for 50.99\$ or single semester access to Pearson MyLab (eTextbook+ other study tools) for 89.99\$.
- On Amazon the hardcopy of the 5th edition of the textbook can be purchased on Amazon for around 90 CAD and the 6th edition for around 100 CAD.

Course Content: We will cover the following chapters in the textbook (subject to minor adjustments)

Chapter 1: Linear Equations in Linear Algebra

- 1.1 Systems of Linear Equations
- 1.2 Row Reduction and Echelon Forms
- 1.3 Vector Equations
- 1.4 The Matrix Equation
- 1.5 Solution Sets of Linear Systems
- 1.6 Applications of Linear Systems
- 1.7 Linear Independence
- 1.8 Introduction to Linear Transformations
- 1.9 The Matrix of a Linear Transformation

Chapter 2: Matrix Algebra

- 2.1 Matrix Operations
- 2.2 The Inverse of a Matrix
- 2.3 Characterizations of Invertible Matrices
- 2.5 Matrix Factorizations
- 2.8 Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$
- 2.9 Dimension and Rank

Chapter 3: Determinants

- 3.1 Introduction to Determinants
- 3.2 Properties of Determinants
- 3.3 Cramer's Rule

Chapter 4: Vector Spaces

- 4.1 Vector Spaces and Subspaces
- 4.2 Null Spaces, Column Spaces, and Linear Transformations
- 4.3 Linearly Independent Sets; Bases
- 4.4 Coordinate Systems
- 4.5 The Dimension of a Vector Space
- 4.6 Rank
- 4.7 Change of Basis

Chapter 5: Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

- 5.1 Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues
- 5.2 The Characteristic Equation
- 5.3 Diagonalization
- 5.4 Eigenvectors and Linear Transformations

Evaluation/List of Assessments

The final grade for the course will be based on the following items weighted as Indicated.

Assignments	20%
Midterm Exam	30%
Final Exam	50%
Total	100%

- **Assignments:** Assignments are given as topics are covered in class. Assignments will be collected and graded online using the free online homework system WeBWork. Further information will be provided during the next couple of weeks.

- **Exams:** There will be an 80-minutes midterm exam during the lectures in the date scheduled below. The final exam will be scheduled by the registrar's office. No calculators or other external resources are allowed.

Important Dates

Activity	Date
First Day of Classes	January 6, 2025
Final Day of Classes	April 4, 2025
Final Date to Register (Add)	January 17, 2025
Winter Reading Week	February 17-21, 2025
Midterm Exam	February 24, 2025
Final Date to Withdraw (Drop)	March 7, 2025
Examination Period	April 7, 2025 - April 17, 2025 (11 Days)
Exam Contingency Date	April 19, 2025
Marks Due	April 25, 2025

Course Policies

- Late assignments will NOT be accepted by the WeBWorK system.
- Students who miss a midterm exam due to illness, having a personal/family emergency, or a religious observance must e-mail me within 48 hours from the date of the exam with a brief explanation of their absence. For a valid reason, the weight of the midterm exam will then be transferred to the final exam. There are no deferred midterm exams

Expectations for Successful Participation

1. Attend every class (and if you cannot, ask a learning partner to help you catch up).
2. Check myCourselink regularly for announcements, reading and work assignments and course updates.
3. Ask questions if you need clarification (in class; via email). Please ensure that you "sign" your email with your name and course number.

4. Keep up with your course work. Read the designated material and complete the assigned homework so that you can come to class prepared to discuss the issues and concepts during class time.
5. Submit your assignments by the deadline! You are strongly advised not to wait until the last minute to submit your assignments in case you have computer problems.

Academic and Student Code of Conduct Policies

- Academic and student policies and procedures for those enrolled in the Lakehead-Georgian programs can be found on the [Lakehead-Georgian Student Portal](#).
- All Lakehead-Georgian programs will follow the Lakehead Regulations as list in the Lakehead University [Academic Calendar](#) (http://csdc.lakeheadu.ca/Catalog/ViewCatalog.aspx?pageid=viewcatalog&loaduseredit_s=False). The University Regulations include but are not limited to Registration, Examinations, Reappraisals and Academic Appeals, Special Examinations, Academic Misconduct, Withdrawal, and Timely Feedback. Additional Faculty Regulations may also apply. Please review the Academic Calendar.
- The Lakehead University [Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity](#) (<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-conduct>) will apply to all Lakehead-Georgian students regardless of campus of study.
- The Lakehead University [Student Code of Conduct - Appeals](#) (<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-conduct>) will apply to all Lakehead-Georgian students regardless of campus of study.
- The Georgian College [Student Code of Conduct](#) (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-code-of-conduct/>) will apply to the Lakehead-Georgian students studying at the Barrie campus. Additional campus policies of [Sexual Violence Procedure and Protocol](#) (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/tab/sexual-violence>), Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/tab/alcohol-drugs-and-tobacco>), and [Information Technology Acceptable Use Procedure](#) (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/2-117IT-acceptable-use.pdf>) also apply.
- The Lakehead University [Student Code of Conduct – Non-Academic](#) (<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-conduct>) will apply to the Lakehead-Georgian students studying at the Orillia campus.

Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty

A breach of Academic Integrity is a serious offence. The principle of Academic Integrity, particularly of doing one's own work, documenting properly (including use of quotation marks, appropriate paraphrasing and referencing/citation), collaborating appropriately, and avoiding misrepresentation, is a core principle in university study. Students should view the [Student Code of Conduct -Academic Integrity](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-conduct) (<https://www.lakeheadu.ca/students/student-life/student-conduct>) for a full description of academic offences, procedures when Academic Integrity breaches are suspected and sanctions for breaches of Academic Integrity.

Whom to Contact

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COOP CONTACTS

Georgian College Co-op Consultant (Student Services for Computer Science- Computer Programmer; Course only for Electrical Engineering)	Maureen Arbour	Tel: 249-388-0728 Maureen.arbour@georgiancollege.ca (Georgian, Barrie)
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Student Services and Supports

Student Advisors (<https://georgiancollege.sharepoint.com/sites/student/Student-Services/StudentAdvisors/SitePages/Home.aspx>)

- Help students build both academic and personal resilience so that they can flourish at Georgian and beyond
- Provide individual, group and web-based advising sessions
- Are housed within the academic areas
- To book an appointment with your advisor go to the <https://outlook.office365.com/book/StudentSuccessAdvisorFallonMiller@georgiancollege.onmicrosoft.com/>

Library (<http://library.georgiancollege.ca/main>)

Customer Service

- Off campus access

Research help

- Help finding books, articles and credible sources.
- Using specialty databases.
- Creating a search strategy.

Academic Success (<https://library.georgiancollege.ca/help/contact-academic-success>)

Writing Centre (http://library.georgiancollege.ca/writing_centre)

- Improve your writing.
- Help with citing sources and laying out your paper.

Math Centre (http://library.georgiancollege.ca/math_centre)

- Make sense of math questions.
- Understand concepts and develop skills.

Tutors (<http://library.georgiancollege.ca/tutoring>)

- Further understand course content.
- Build your study practices.

Accessibility Services (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/accessibility-services/>)

If you are a student experiencing a disability who may require academic accommodations and have not yet registered with Accessibility Services, please contact their office at 1-877-722-1523 email studentsuccess@georgiancollege.ca, or visit their offices in B110. You must be registered with Accessibility Services to access academic accommodations. Support for those students whose success at college may be affected by a disability include:

- Ongoing support from our Accessibility Advisors including arranging a confidential psychoeducational assessment where required
- Training in the use of specialized computer technology
- Classroom and test accommodations

Testing Services (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/testing/>)

- Accommodated testing
- Missed/Makeup testing
- Proctoring services are also available for external and Ontario Learn exams

Counselling (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/counselling/>)

- Free, confidential counselling is available to all students
- Walk in counselling is available on a daily basis Monday to Friday

Career Success (<http://www.georgiancollege.ca/student-life/student-services/co-op-and-career-services/>)

Career assessments and exploring options

- Job search workshops
- Labour market information
- Resume/cover letter help
- Interview practice
- Graduate employment information
 - Links to job postings and online resource

Campus Safety and Security Syllabus Addendum

Emergency Evacuation (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/emergency-management/#fire>)

- Evacuate buildings when a fire alarm is activated or an official announcement is given. Review [evacuation guidelines](https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/emergency-management/#fire). (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/emergency-management/#fire>)
- Students requiring assistance in emergency situations must inform their faculty during the first week of class.

- Familiarize yourself with all fire exit doors of classrooms and buildings you may occupy.
- Do not re-enter a building until instructions are given by the Fire Department or college personnel.

Lockdown (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/tab/lockdown>)

- Lockdown is initiated when there is a potential or actual violent incident on campus that could result in a serious injury or threat to life.
- Students can download the new Safe@Georgian app to stay updated on Campus Safety and Security information including lockdown.
- Familiarize yourself with the [College Lockdown procedure](https://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/Lockdown.pdf) (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/Lockdown.pdf>)
- Lockdown tests occur each semester.

Resources:

- [Get Out, Hide, Fight Lockdown Video](http://youtu.be/JA8cckMbVDk) (<http://youtu.be/JA8cckMbVDk>)
- [Lockdown quick reference sheet](http://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/COM-15-416_LockdownProcedure_Signage_FVR3_print.pdf) (http://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/COM-15-416_LockdownProcedure_Signage_FVR3_print.pdf)
- Lockdown Model – Get Out, Hide, Fight: Lockdown Tools and Tactics and FAQs.

Unscheduled Campus Closure <https://content.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/Unscheduled-Campus-Closure.pdf>

Resources:

- [How to find out if your campus is closed](https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/emergency-management/#closure) (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/about-georgian/campus-safety-services/emergency-management/#closure>)
- [Unscheduled Campus Closure Procedure](https://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/2-102Unscheduled-college-closure-2018.02.10.pdf) (<https://www.georgiancollege.ca/wp-content/uploads/2-102Unscheduled-college-closure-2018.02.10.pdf>)

Timing of Closures/Notification:

Closure	Decision	Communication / Notification*	Notes
College has made the decision to close a campus or location <u>in the morning</u> :	6:00 a.m.	By 6:30 a.m.	If re-opening for noon or evening classes is being considered, this will be mentioned in the message
College closes a campus(s) in the morning and <u>expects to re-open by 12:00 noon</u>	9:30 a.m.	By 10:00 a.m.	Only affects classes beginning at 12 noon or later
Closure expected to continue <u>past 12:00 noon</u>	9:30 a.m.	By 10:00 a.m.	

College intends to <u>re-open for evening classes</u> which commence at 5 p.m. or later	2:30 p.m.	By 3:00 p.m.	
College intends to <u>NOT re-open for evening classes:</u>	2:30 p.m.	By 3:00 p.m.	

***Notification will be made via:**

- Georgian social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Safe@Georgian app
- Georgian website (homepage)
- Recorded message when you call into Barrie campus at 705-728-1968
- Student or employee portal
- Georgian email account
- Radio and television announcements through local and regional media

Note: We only announce the names of campuses that are closed. If your campus is not named in a closure, it's open.