

Math 210/02, Linear Algebra, Spring 2007

MWF 12 pm, Fulton 310

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Office hours: MWF 3-4 (subject to change or variation, announced in advance). I am often in my office in the hour after class, as well. Tuesdays and Thursdays are reserved for research and other duties. Email is great for quick questions and hints, even on weekends, and even on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Prerequisites: Calculus. Taking MT202 concurrently is sufficient.

Text: The text will consist of notes posted in PDF format on the course website. You will need Adobe Acrobat to view and print the notes. The book being used by the other sections of this course will not be used in any way by us.

Homework: It will be assigned each week, and collected for grading about one week later. **HOMEWORK WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE DAY IT IS DUE.** Your lowest homework score will be dropped, so you can miss one assignment without harming your grade.

Exams: We will have two in-class exams, and a final exam. Exams must be taken as scheduled, except for documented illness or family emergency.

If you have special issues regarding exams, I need to hear about them this month, with documentation from the appropriate offices of Boston College.

ELECTRONIC CALCULATORS WILL NOT BE USED ON EXAMS.

In-Class Exam Dates: Wednesday Feb 21 Wednesday April 11

Final Exam: Saturday May 12, 12:30 pm.

Grading: Homework: 10%, Exams: 25% each, Final: 40%.

After the final exam, these weights are used to combine your homework and exam scores into a number between 0 and 100. The highest score will probably be an A, and similar scores will receive similar grades. This procedure determines the rest of the grades. Individual exam scores are not curved. They just contribute to the final score, which is “curved” as described above.