

Math 404

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Office Hours: Tuesdays, 4 PM- 5 PM; Fridays, 5 PM- 6 PM. Also by appointment.

Textbook: Serge A. Lang, **Linear Algebra**, third edition; Undergraduate Texts in Mathematics, Springer Verlag; ISBN: 0-387-96412-6

and

S. Lipschutz, M.L. Lipson, **Schaum's Outline of Linear Algebra**, third edition, McGraw-Hill Trade; ISBN: 0-071-36200-2

Homework: For each section of material covered there will be an assignment of problems from the textbook. Solutions will not be collected, but will be discussed at the beginning of each class according to the interests of the students. While attempts to solve homework problems will not directly affect grading, they provide the best way to learn the material and to prepare for exams.

Exams: There will be three tests and a final exam. In addition, there will be quizzes given each Thursday. **No make-up exams or quizzes. Dates of tests:**

- Thursday, February 26
- Thursday, March 25
- Thursday, April 29

Final Examination: Thursday, May 13, 2004, from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM in S1140.

Grading Policy: The final grade will be based on the test scores, the final exam and the quizzes weighted as follows: each in-class test 15%, the final 40% and the total for all quizzes 15%. In other words, out of the 500 possible points, each test is worth 75 points, the final is worth 200 points and all the quizzes are worth 75 points.

Final Remarks: You are responsible for attending class, behaving in class, taking class notes, doing homework problems, asking for and coming in for help, etc.; in the end, you are responsible for your success in this class so work hard! **Both class**

attendance and systematic work on the homework problems are crucial for the success in this class.

All the above information is tentative. I reserve the right to make reasonable changes if I find it necessary.