

# Linear Algebra

## The course

This course, an introduction to linear algebra, is intended primarily for majors in mathematics and science. Topics to be covered include systems of linear equations, matrices, determinants, vector spaces, linear transformations, change of basis, orthogonality, inner products, eigenvalues, and diagonalization of matrices.

**Textbook** The textbook is *Linear Algebra with Applications*, seventh edition, by Steven J. Leon, 2006, ISBN–13: 978–0131857858. The course covers most of Chapters 1–5 and the first three sections of Chapter 6.

**Prerequisites** The prerequisites for this course are Math 152 or 172 (second-semester calculus) and Math 220 (fundamentals of discrete mathematics).

**Venue** Section 502 meets 12:45–14:00 in BLOC 163 on Tuesday and Thursday.

**Home page** <http://www.math.tamu.edu/~boas/courses/323-2008c/>

## The instructor

The instructor is Dr. Harold P. Boas. Office hours are in 202 Milner Hall, 11:10–12:00, on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; also by appointment. Contact information: email [boas@tamu.edu](mailto:boas@tamu.edu), office telephone 979–845–7269.

## Exams and grades

- The two mid-term exams are scheduled for Thursday 25 September and Tuesday 28 October. Each of these exams counts for 25% of the course grade.
- The final examination, which has been scheduled by the Registrar for 8:00–10:00 on Wednesday 10 December, counts for 25% of the course grade.
- Homework counts for 25% of the course grade.

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## Other information

### **Americans with Disabilities Act**

#### **Statement from the Department of Student Life**

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