

# Course Policy for SM 361, Fall 2012

## Intermediate Linear Algebra

### 1 Contact information

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Don't ignore this. I will post **all** class materials here.

**EI** By appointment. Best times to find me are after lunch (1300 – 1320) and after sixth period. I am not available on Tuesdays and usually not here before lunch.

### 2 Course information

The course continues the study of linear algebra from SM261.

#### 2.1 Course materials

**Textbook** Matrix Analysis and Applied Linear Algebra, by Carl D. Meyer, SIAM.

#### 2.2 Coursework

##### 2.2.1 Homework

I will assign problems for you to work on. Homework will not be collected. Quizzes and exams will be based on homework problems.

##### 2.2.2 Quizzes

There will be a 25-minute quiz every week, usually on Thursday.

##### 2.2.3 Exams

There will be four term exams and a comprehensive three-hour final exam.

##### 2.2.4 Reading

You must read the text before you come to class.

## 2.2.5 MATLAB

We will do a little bit of MATLAB programming in this class. SM233 will come in handy.

# 3 Assessment

## 3.1 Weighting of Components

Each of the four midterms, the final, and the quizzes are worth 20%. Yes, that's right, the total is 120%. At the end of the semester, using a secret algorithm, I will drop one of these 20% scores to compute your final score out of 100.

## 3.2 Grade assignment

Grades of A, B, C, D, or F will be assigned in accordance with ACDEANINST 1531.60 as follows:

Overall percentage	Grade
90 — 100	A
80 — 89	B
70 — 79	C
60 — 69	D
0 — 59	F

## 3.3 Curves

Never ask me about curves, curving, redos or bonus points. If I am going to curve a score, then I will always tell you this and post it on the website.

# 4 Conduct

## 4.1 Section leader

The section leader will be responsible for taking and reporting attendance, and bringing the class to attention.

## 4.2 Absences

You must notify me in advance of absences and you must have a valid reason. If you have travel obligations (for example, you are an athlete) please give me a copy of your travel schedule. If you are going to miss a quiz because of a travel obligation, then make sure that you have made arrangements to take the quiz **before** you leave.

## 4.3 Food

No food. Drinks OK.

## 4.4 Cellphones and other gadgets

No cellphones, ipods and the like in class. Laptops are permitted on days when we do some MATLAB.