

CARLETON UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

**MATH 1107 F Linear Algebra I Fall 2021**

***COURSE OUTLINE***

**Objectives of the course:** this is an introductory course in linear algebra, with the focus on calculations and applications. It includes basic topics in linear algebra. This course will help the students develop their mathematical skills. The students will also have an opportunity to develop their communication skills.

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**Main Reference:**

- **Course notes** Linear Algebra I, by Inna Bumagin

**Reference Text:**

- Linear Algebra with Applications, by Keith W. Nicholson, Lyryx Learning Inc., open edition 2021 A, available at <https://lyryx.com/linear-algebra-applications>

**Prerequisites:** Ontario Grade 12 Mathematics: Advanced Functions, or MATH 0005, or equivalent, or permission of the School.

**EVALUATION.** Your final grade for the course will consist of

- (1) **Quizzes 10%**
- (2) **Weekly homework assignments 30%**
- (3) **Tests 25%**
- (4) **Final Examination 35%.**

**Note:** you must obtain **at least 50%** of the mark **in each category** (homework assignments, tests and the final exam) to pass the course.

**HOW IT WILL WORK**

**Course materials**, as well as announcements and some additional information will be **posted on Brightspace**, unless specified otherwise. You should check the Brightspace course web page on a regular basis.

**Lecture recordings** will be posted on Brightspace every Wednesday, beginning on Wednesday *September 8*.

**Tutorials** will be held online (via Zoom), every Monday, 1:35 pm – 2:25 pm, beginning on *September 20*. There will be no tutorial on Thanksgiving Monday, October 11.

**Weekly quizzes and homework assignments** will be administered via **Webwork**:

<https://webwork.math.carleton.ca/webwork2/2021-FALL-MATH1107/>

For technical reasons, you will only be able to login beginning Friday *September 10*.

Your Webwork password is your *Student ID* and your username is your *cmail.carleton.ca* email (or your *carleton.ca* email), it should be entered exactly as it is recorded in Carleton Central. If you are not sure, try *each one* of the following: (1) firstlast@cmail.carleton.ca, (2) FirstLast@cmail.carleton.ca, (3) FIRSTLAST@cmail.carleton.ca

### Tentative schedule

Each week begins on Wednesday and ends next Tuesday

“Sections” are sections from the Course notes

Week	Dates	Topics	Sections
1	Sep 8–14	Vectors and Lines in 2D and 3D. Dot product	1.1–1.3
2	Sep 15–21	Planes in 3D. Complex numbers	1.4, 1.5
3	Sep 22–28	Systems of linear equations	2.1–2.5
4	Sep 29–Oct 5	Matrix operations	3.1–3.4
5	Oct 6–12	Matrix inverses. Elementary matrices	3.5, 3.6
6	Oct 13–19	Determinants	4.1–4.5
7	Oct 20–Nov 2	Vector space $\mathbb{R}^n$	5.1–5.5
	<b>Oct 25–29</b>	<b>Fall break</b>	
8	Nov 3–9	Linear transformations	6.1–6.5
9	Nov 10–16	Subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$	7.1–7.3
10	Nov 17–23	The Invertible Matrix Theorem. Eigenvalues	7.4, 8.1, 8.2
11	Nov 24–30	Eigenspace. Diagonalization	8.3, 8.4
12	Dec 1–7	Applications	9.1–9.3
	Dec 8–10	Review	

Fall term ends on December 10 (Friday).

There will be **three** one-hour open-book **Tests**, also administered via Webwork. Tests are tentatively scheduled for September 30, October 21, and November 25. Each test will be available for 24 hours, Thursday 3:00 pm – Friday 3:00 pm; once you open the test you will have 60 minutes to solve it. Answers submitted after 3:00 pm on Friday will not count toward your mark for the test. Only the best two of the three marks for the tests will count toward your final grade.

**Final Examination** is a **3-hour open-book exam** scheduled by the University. Unlike the tests, the final examination must be completed within the 3-hour allotted time period. The exam is taking place during the period of December 11–23, 2021. It is your responsibility to be available at the time of the final examination.

### Additional resources

- There will be **weekly meetings of discussion groups**, outside of the class and tutorial hours. We shall begin to organize discussion groups on the third week of

classes. Participation in discussion group meetings is not mandatory but highly recommended.

- The **Math Tutorial Centre** will be available via a link in Brightspace called “(MTC) Online Math Tutorial Centre (Fall 2021)”. The MTC opens on Friday *September 24*. More details can be found here:  
<https://carleton.ca/math/math-tutorial-centre/>

## Academic Integrity

**The tests and the final exam are to be completed individually.** You must approach the Instructor or a Teaching Assistant when in need for assistance when solving a test or the final exam. **Contacting anyone else is *strongly prohibited*.**

You are welcome to *collaborate with other students from class on the homework*, but you should **solve your assignments on your own**. Getting help from anyone who is not a participant in this class is *strongly discouraged*.

**Never submit answers based on solutions that you do not understand.**

**Course notes, presentation videos, assignments, tests, final exam created for this course remain intellectual property of either the Instructor or TAs who created them.** These materials are intended for the personal and non-transferable use of the students registered in the current offering of the course. **Posting, reproducing, or redistributing** any of these materials, in part or in whole, without the written consent of the Instructors is **strictly prohibited**.

Students are required to be familiar with the **Academic Integrity Policy** at Carleton University. The complete policy is available at:

<https://carleton.ca/registrar/academic-integrity/>

The University states unequivocally that it demands academic integrity from all its members. Academic dishonesty, in whatever form is ultimately destructive to the values of the University. Students who violate the principles of academic integrity through dishonest practices undermine the value of the Carleton degree. Dishonesty in scholarly activity cannot be tolerated. Any student who violates the standards of academic integrity will be subject to appropriate sanctions.

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism is a specific matter of Academic Integrity. Plagiarism includes reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source. In mathematics, an answer can not be plagiarized, but the presentation of its solution can! Thus, copying answers from fellow students, online posts, or online calculators (such as Wolfram, Symbolab, etc.) is strictly prohibited.

## Academic Accommodation

Carleton University has suspended the need for a doctor’s note or medical certificate until further notice when requesting academic accommodation related to COVID-19. Students should complete the self-declaration form available on the Registrar’s Office website to request academic accommodation for missed course work including exams and assignments:  
<https://carleton.ca/registrar/wp-content/uploads/self-declaration.pdf>

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of classes, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of classes, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

**Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities:** The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, contact me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for more information: <https://carleton.ca/pmc/> You can find more detailed information on academic accommodation here:

<https://students.carleton.ca/course-outline/#accommodation-for-student-activities>