

**Central Washington University**  
**Linear Algebra I**  
**Math 265, Winter 2010**  
**9-9:50 MTRF**

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**Text:**

Linear Algebra  
Jim Hefferon

<http://joshua.smcvt.edu/linearalgebra/toc.html>

**Calculator:**

A graphing calculator capable of matrix operations is recommended for the course. I will be using the TI-86.

**Course Goals:**

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will be well-versed and proficient in the following areas and techniques of linear algebra:

Systems of linear equations  
Determinants  
Vector spaces and subspaces  
Linear independence, basis, and dimension  
Linear transformations.  
Eigenvalues and eigenvectors  
Applications of linear algebra

**Course Policies:**

**Attendance:** Daily attendance is expected and considered necessary for success. Please bring the text and a calculator to each class meeting. You are responsible for any announcements made during class regarding homework and exams.

**Technology:** We will often make use of our calculator's ability to perform tedious and complicated computations that can arise in linear algebra. I will be assuming that everyone is familiar with the basic arithmetic and graphical features of their calculator.

**Homework:** Daily homework will be assigned and periodically collected. As the assigned problems will form the basis for exams, it is to your advantage (and responsibility) to keep up with the homework.

**Exams:** There will be three 100-point exams announced in advance. No exam score will be dropped. Make-up exams will only be allowed in extreme cases.

## **Grading:**

It is easier to determine the answer than it is to explain your reasoning for arriving at the answer. In grading written solutions, I will be paying special attention to the precise communication of both logical reasoning and mathematical computations.

Total points for the course will be based upon the following:

Homework	100 points
Three in-class exams (100 pts each)	300 points
Final Exam	100 points
<b>Total</b>	<b>500 points</b>

Course grades will be assigned based upon the following scale:

100-93%	A
92.9-90%	A-
89.9-87%	B+
86.9-83%	B
82.9-80%	B-
79.9-77%	C+
76.9-73%	C
72.9-70%	C-
69.9-67%	D+
66.9-63%	D
62.9-60%	D-
below 60%	F

The professor reserves the right to adjust the above scale (in the student's favor) if deemed appropriate. **Failure to take the final exam will result in a failing grade, regardless of point accumulation.**

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