

**Spring 2017**  
**Math 365**  
**Linear Algebra 2**  
**Black 202, 11:00 - 11:50 MTWF**

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**Required Text:** Linear Algebra Done Right, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, by Sheldon Axler

**Course Goals:** The goal of Math 365 is to investigate linear algebra from a more axiomatic point of view. What does this mean? You will learn about abstract real and complex vector spaces (including the relation between bases and coordinates), subspaces of such spaces, and about transformations between such spaces. Simultaneously, you will practice writing proofs in the context of linear algebra.

## 1 Grades/Exams/Homework

- Grades

Grades will be calculated using the following weighting system:

Homework: 50%;

Exams: 50% total, broken up as follows: 25% for the mid-term and 25% for the final.

I will use the following formula to determine your grade percentage:

$$.5 \times \frac{\text{total hw points earned}}{\text{total hw points possible}} + .25 \times \frac{\text{Mid-term Exam points earned}}{\text{Mid-term Exam points possible}} + .25 \times \frac{\text{Final Exam points earned}}{\text{Final Exam points possible}},$$

as well as the following scale:

	86 – 87.9 : B+	72 – 73.9 : C+	58 – 59.9 : D+	below 46 : F
90 – 100 : A	76 – 85.9 : B	62 – 71.9 : C	48 – 57.9 : D	
88 – 89.9 : A–	74 – 75.9 : B–	60 – 61.9 : C–	46 – 47.9 : D–	

- Homework

You'll get a homework assignment every Tuesday which will be due on the Wednesday of the following week **at 2 pm**. (So, your first homework will be due April 5.) You may use/ask/talk to whatever/whoever you'd like, as long as you say what resources you used. However, you must write your solutions up in **your own words** to hand in. **Copying of work is not allowed!** To avoid copying when you are working with others, use only scratch paper when working with others, and then go write your final solutions by yourself on the the assignment. Assignments that are essentially word-for-word copies will have the total earned on one divided by the number of copies.

**DO NOT** wait until the day before homework is due to start working on it! There won't be a large number of problems, but you will need spend a fair bit of time thinking about the problems. It is normal to be confused when you start working on your homework - don't give up! The struggle to make sense of a problem and figure out a proof is what it takes to learn. This is why it is vital to not put your homework off until the day before it is due! Please feel free to come and ask questions!

If you want to submit your homework electronically, you must type it up! I will not accept scanned images of handwritten homework.

- Homework Revisions

Each homework problem will be graded out of 10 points. Graded homework will be returned on Monday, and you will be able to turn in a revision on the following Wednesday that will be able to earn you up to two points per problem. Revisions must be on a new sheet of paper, and you must turn in your original graded work together with your revision. To help with your revisions, I will use two colors to grade: green comments refer to stylistic and/or minor problems, while red comments refer to more major problems, including logical errors (for example, using “all” when “some” is needed, or incorrectly negating a quantifier).

- Late Policy

Homework and Exams will be due at 2 pm on their due date. Homework or Exams handed in after that time on their due date will lose 8 points immediately (which cannot be made up by revisions), and 8 more points for every 24 hours after (which cannot be made up by revisions). That means: if you hand in homework at 2:30 pm on the due date, you can earn at most 32 out of 40 on your homework. If you hand in your homework one day after the due date at 2:30 pm, you can earn at most 26 out of 40, since over 24 hours will have passed.

- Exams

There will be two exams: a mid-term and a final. The mid-term will be a take-home exam, and you’ll have a week to work on it. There will be two parts to the final: a take-home portion and an in-class portion. The in-class portion will take place on Friday, June 9, from 8 am until 10 am. In contrast to the homework, **YOU MUST WORK BY YOURSELF ON THE EXAMS!** The mid-term will be handed at the beginning of May, and the take home portion of the Final Exam will be handed out on May 31 and due Friday, June 9 at noon.

- Expectation for Homework and Exams

Your homework and exams should be written up neatly and legibly, using complete sentences where appropriate. (For example, I don’t expect you to write  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$  using complete sentences!) This means that grammar and punctuation will count! If you leave out punctuation or your sentences do not parse, you will not earn full credit.

## 2 Disability Support

*Central Washington University is committed to creating a learning environment that meets the needs of its diverse student body. If you anticipate or experience any barriers to learning, discuss your concerns with the instructor. Students with disabilities should contact Disability Services to discuss a range of options to removing barriers, including accommodations. Student Disability Services is located in Hogue 126. Call (509) 963-2214 or email [ds@cwu.edu](mailto:ds@cwu.edu) for more information.*