
MATH 1554 LINEAR ALGEBRA

GEORGIA TECH EUROPE -- FALL 2026

1 COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Title: Linear Algebra

Lectures: Every Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:45am (1 hour 15 minutes).

Recitations: Every Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 - 10:20 (50 minutes).

2 INSTRUCTOR AND TA CONTACT INFORMATION

Instructor: Philippe Bonneau

Office: To be precised

Office Hours: 8:30 – 9:30am Monday and Wednesday (1 hour before each course) or by appointment

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TA: To be precised

Office:

Office Hours: 1 hour/week or by appointment

Cell Phone: /

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3 PRE-REQUISITES

None

4 TEXTBOOK

David C. Lay, **Linear Algebra and its Applications** Calculus, 4th or 5th edition by Addison-Wesley (Pearson).

We will roughly cover Chapters 1 through 7 of this textbook.

5 COURSE WEBSITES & ADDITIONAL MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Course Website: canvas.gatech.edu

Canvas will be used for course grades, announcements, and course-related documents.

Office hours are important for discussing material covered in class, getting help to solve homework assignments, asking for specific or personalized help, and discussing about difficulties. Please come to office hours. If you cannot come at the fixed schedule, we can fix an appointment at a different time. “Remote office hours”, via Zoom, are also possible, by appointment.

Other web tools : If you want another “web tool” to be used for this course, just ask, I’ll try to “implement” it.

6 COURSE REQUIREMENTS & GRADING

5 Quizzes (15 minutes), 2 Tests (50 minutes), and a comprehensive Final Exam (2 hours 50 minutes)

6.1 HOMEWORK

Homework will be assigned every week and will consist of exercises from the textbook. It might be collected (to discuss with the TA) and could sometimes be graded (about every two weeks. It will be graded primarily for completion, not for accuracy and will enter into the “participation” grade – see below). You are expected to understand all homework problems for quizzes, tests and the final exam.

6.2 QUIZZES

There will be 5 short quizzes of about 15 minutes, all given during the Thursday recitation session. See the tentative dates below in this syllabus. Quizzes cover material up to and including the Wednesday lecture of the week before. Quizzes consist of questions similar to recent homework, with posted solutions, or recent examples seen during the courses. Solutions to quizzes and tests will be posted on the course website. The lowest quiz grade will be replaced by the average of all the quizzes. The quiz replacement does not apply to students who get zero due to cheating.

6.3 TESTS

There will be two 50 minutes tests, given during the Wednesday lecture, in the room where the lecture meets. See the tentative dates below in this syllabus.

6.4 FINAL EXAM

The Final Exam is comprehensive. Its duration is 2 hours and 50 minutes. It will be given in the lecture room (as per institute policy). Its date and time will be fixed by the registrar/GT-E Staff by the end of January and cannot be modified. See <http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/students/exams.php> if available for GT-E or ask GT-E staff (particularly Ms. Corinne Guyot cguyot@georgiatech-metz.fr who’s in charge of the schedules).

6.5 PARTICIPATION

A subjective assessment will be based on your “participation” in the course – examples include attendance, preparation, quality of work handed in, creativity, progress of test scores, participation in classroom discussion (engage, lead, listen, inquire, challenge, respect, etc), engagement in/commitment to course, outlining alternative methods to solve a problem, solving challenge problems. Throughout the semester a variety of participation activities will be integrated into lectures and recitation sessions. Their purpose is to encourage active learning, foster

community among students, offer feedback to the instructor on student understanding and course activities, and help students become more aware of their level of understanding of the course material. Participation activities will not be held in the first and last weeks of the semester. They will only be graded for completion (not for accuracy).

6.6 EXAM/TEST/QUIZ RULES

Additional practice material will be offered prior to tests and to the final exam.

- Calculators, cell phones and other devices are not allowed during quizzes, tests and the final exam.
- Quizzes, tests and the final exams are closed notes, books, etc.
- In tests and in the final exam, unless you are asked to use a particular method or theorem, you are allowed to use any approach to solve the problems.
- Unless indicated otherwise, you must adequately justify your reasoning for full marks.
- Marks can be taken off in a test or final exam for not using the correct notation.
- Graded student quizzes and tests will be returned within one week.

6.7 DESCRIPTION OF GRADED COMPONENTS

Your course average will be the highest of the following two numbers:

<i>Weighted Average One</i>		<i>Weighted Average Two</i>	
Participation	8%	Participation	8%
Quizzes	22%	Quizzes	22%
Tests	40%	Higher Test	30%
Final Exam	30%	Final Exam	40%

6.8 GRADING SCALE

Your final grade will be assigned as a letter grade according to the following scale:

A [90% , 100%]

B [80% , 90%)

C [70% , 80%)

D [60% , 70%)

F [0% , 60%)

7 LEARNING OUTCOMES AND TOPICS

7.1 COURSE CONTENT

Math 1554 is an introduction to Linear Algebra. Topics include:

- Solving systems of linear equations (Gauss Elimination Method)
- Algebraic operations on matrices
- Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors, Diagonalization
- Orthogonality, Least Squares, QR factorization, Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

7.2 LEARNING OUTCOMES

The primary goal of Math 1554 is preparing students to succeed in upper-level courses that require this course as a pre-requisite. Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand and demonstrate the basic theory of linear algebra.
- Solve systems of linear equations. Understand, manipulate and use matrices.
- Apply the power of linear algebra to modeled and solve problems occurring in many other areas of mathematics and other sciences.

8 COURSE EXPECTATIONS & GUIDELINES

8.1 ATTENDANCE

In GT-Europe, ATTENDANCE is MANDATORY for undergraduate students.

In the event of an absence, you are responsible for all missed materials, assignments, and any additional announcements or schedule changes given in class. Class disruptions of ANY kind will NOT be tolerated and may result in your removal from the classroom. Please show courtesy to your fellow classmates and instructor by adhering to the following class rules. Come to class on time and stay for the entire class period. Refrain from conversing with your fellow students while the instructor is lecturing. Put away any reading materials unrelated to the course. Cell phones should be silent and put away during classes. Devices like tablets or laptops can be used for the only purpose of taking notes, as long as this is not distracting to the other students. Please do not bring food to eat during lectures, eating is a distraction to others.

8.2 ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

Georgia Tech aims to cultivate a community based on trust, academic integrity, and honor. Students are expected to act according to the highest ethical standards. For information on Georgia Tech's Academic Honor Code, please visit <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/policies/honor-code/> or <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/>. Any student suspected of cheating or plagiarizing on a quiz, exam, or assignment will be reported to the Office of Student Integrity, who will investigate the incident and identify the appropriate penalty for violations.

8.3 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES AND/OR IN NEED OF SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

If you are a student with learning needs that require special accommodation, contact the Office of Disability Services at (404)894-2563 or <http://disabilityservices.gatech.edu/>, as soon as possible, to make an appointment to discuss your special needs and to obtain an accommodations letter. Please also e-mail me as soon as possible in order to set up a time to discuss your learning needs.

8.4 RE-SCHEDULED/MISSED EXAMS

NO MAKE-UP EXAMS! In general, no make-up exams will be given and any missed exam results in a "0" score.

- If you have a valid reason to request a make-up exam, please contact the instructor as early as possible. Only extraordinary cases will be considered.
- In the case of SERIOUS illness, please contact me BEFORE the exam and get a doctor's note.
- In the case of emergency, please contact the Office of Dean of Students immediately.
- Requests for student organization excused absences must be made no later than two weeks prior to the date of the event. No late requests will be honored. Please have your advisor send me a written notice or an e-mail.

8.5 REGRADING REQUESTS

Any regrading request should be submitted to me (not to the TA), with the graded exam in the original unaltered form, within one week of the date the exam has been returned to the class. Please do not write ANYTHING on the original graded exam.

8.6 STUDENT-FACULTY EXPECTATIONS AGREEMENT

At Georgia Tech we believe that it is important to strive for an atmosphere of mutual respect, acknowledgment, and responsibility between faculty members and the student body. See <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/22/> for an articulation of some basic expectation that you can have of me and that I have of you. In the end, simple respect for knowledge, hard work, and cordial interactions will help build the environment we seek. Therefore, I encourage you to remain committed to the ideals of Georgia Tech while in this class.

9 STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR INCLUSIVITY

As a member of the Georgia Tech community, I am committed to creating a learning environment in which all of my students feel safe and included. Because we are individuals with varying needs, I am reliant on your feedback to achieve this goal. To that end, I invite you to enter into dialogue with me about the things I can stop, start, and continue doing to make my classroom an environment in which every student feels valued and can engage actively in our learning community.

10 TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

Week			Exercises numbers refer to the 4th ed. of Lay's textbook	
1	1	mercredi 26 août 2026	Lecture	1.1, 1.2
		jeudi 27 août 2026	Recitation	{1.1} 3, 5, 13, 15, 19, (26)
	2	vendredi 28 août 2026	Lecture	1.2, 1.3
2	3	lundi 31 août 2026	Lecture	1.3, 1.4
		mardi 1 septembre 2026	Recitation	{1.2} 2, 10, 11, (12), 18 {1.3} 10, 11, 13, 25
	4	mercredi 2 septembre 2026	Lecture	1.5 1.6 not covered
		jeudi 3 septembre 2026	Recitation	{1.4} 4, 8, 15, 21
3	5	lundi 7 septembre 2026	Lecture	1.7, 1.8
		mardi 8 septembre 2026	Recitation	{1.5} 8, (11), 13, 16, 20
	6	mercredi 9 septembre 2026	Lecture	1.8, 1.9
QUIZ 1		jeudi 10 septembre 2026	Recitation	{1.7} 2, 7, 10 {1.8} 1, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15, 17
4	7	lundi 14 septembre 2026	Lecture	1.9, 2.1
		mardi 15 septembre 2026	Recitation	{1.9} 2, 6, 19, 20, 26, 27 1.10 not covered
	8	mercredi 16 septembre 2026	Lecture	2.1, 2.2
		jeudi 17 septembre 2026	Recitation	{2.1} 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 23, 40
5	9	lundi 21 septembre 2026	Lecture	2.2, 2.3
		mardi 22 septembre 2026	Recitation	{2.2} 3, 6, 7, 31, 32
	10	mercredi 23 septembre 2026	Lecture	2.3, 2.5 2.4 not covered
QUIZ 2		jeudi 24 septembre 2026	Recitation	{2.3} 1, 2, 4, 7
6	11	lundi 28 septembre 2026	Lecture	2.6, 2.7
		mardi 29 septembre 2026	Recitation	{2.5} 4, 8, 9, 13, 18, 24
	12	mercredi 30 septembre 2026	Lecture	2.8
		jeudi 1 octobre 2026	Recitation	{2.6} 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 {2.7} 2
7	13	lundi 5 octobre 2026	Lecture	2.8 (end)
		mardi 6 octobre 2026	Recitation	{2.8} 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 16, 17, 19, 20, 25, (26)
TEST 1	14	mercredi 7 octobre 2026	Lecture	2.9, 3.1
		jeudi 8 octobre 2026	Recitation	{2.9} 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13
8	15	lundi 12 octobre 2026	Lecture	3.1, 3.2 3.3 not covered
		mardi 13 octobre 2026	Recitation	{3.1} 3, 4, 9, 10, 41 {3.2} do 3, 4, 9, 10 of {3.1} by row reduction + 19, 40 in {3.2} exercises
	16	mercredi 14 octobre 2026	Lecture	5.1 Chapter 4 not covered
		jeudi 15 octobre 2026	Recitation	{5.1} 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 17, 20, 27
9	17	lundi 19 octobre 2026	Lecture	5.2
		mardi 20 octobre 2026	Recitation	{5.2} 6, 8, 9, 15, 18, 20
	18	mercredi 21 octobre 2026	Lecture	5.3 5.4 not covered
QUIZ 3		jeudi 22 octobre 2026	Recitation	{5.3} 2, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 16, 18, 19, 20
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11	19	lundi 2 novembre 2026	Lecture	5.3, 5.5
		mardi 3 novembre 2026	Recitation	{5.5} 3, 5, 8, 9, 13, 18
	20	mercredi 4 novembre 2026	Lecture	5.5, 6.1 5.6, 5.7, 5.8 not covered
		jeudi 5 novembre 2026	Recitation	{5.5} continuing
12	21	lundi 9 novembre 2026	Lecture	6.1, 6.2
		mardi 10 novembre 2026	Recitation	{6.1}: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 17, 18, 20
		mercredi 11 novembre 2026	BANK HOLIDAY	
QUIZ 4		jeudi 12 novembre 2026	Recitation	{6.2}: 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21, 27
	22	vendredi 13 novembre 2026	Lecture	6.3
13	23	lundi 16 novembre 2026	Lecture	6.3, 6.4
		mardi 17 novembre 2026	Recitation	{6.3}: 1, 5, 10, 12, 14, 16, 17, 20
TEST 2	24	mercredi 18 novembre 2026	Lecture	6.5
		jeudi 19 novembre 2026	Recitation	{6.4} 3, 4, 7, 8, 12, 16, (13)
14	25	lundi 23 novembre 2026	Lecture	6.6
		mardi 24 novembre 2026	Recitation	{6.5} 3, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 16, 25 {6.6} 4, 5, 7(a), (7 (b) with computer)
	26	mercredi 25 novembre 2026	Lecture	7.1 6.6, 6.7 not covered
		jeudi 26 novembre 2026	Recitation	{7.1} 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 14, 23, 24, 25, Example 3 of 7.1 + ex 34
15	27	lundi 30 novembre 2026	Lecture	End of 7.1
		mardi 1 décembre 2026	Recitation	{7.1} continuing
	28	mercredi 2 décembre 2026	Lecture	7.4 7.2 & 7.3 not covered
QUIZ 5		jeudi 3 décembre 2026	Recitation	{7.4} 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20
16	29	lundi 7 décembre 2026	Lecture	End of 7.4 and Review
		mardi 8 décembre 2026	Recitation	End of {7.4} and Review

10.1 SOME IMPORTANT DATES

August 26	First Day of Classes
September 10	Quiz 1
October 7	Test 1
To be precised	Progress Report Deadline
To be precised	Withdrawal Deadline
November 18	Test 2
December 10	Final Exam Period
December 18	Check-Out

For further information on campus-wide dates see <http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/calendar> if available for the Europe Campus or ask GT-E staff (particularly Ms. Corinne Guyot cguyot@georgiatech-metz.fr who's in charge of the schedules). The schedule of the final exam will be fixed by the registrar/GT-E staff by the end of February and is non-negotiable (see <http://www.registrar.gatech.edu/students/exams.php> if available for GT-E)

This syllabus provides a general plan for the course; deviations may be necessary.

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