Math 3013 (Linear Algebra, 11:30)

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Note If you send me an email make certain to include **MATH 3013** or something similar in the Subject line! Most of my email gets deleted unread, and I won't recognize your email address.

The Book. That's a long story—see the next page.

Grades. There will be a quiz most Fridays. You get to drop two quizzes, then the remainder give your quiz average. There will be three in-class tests (dates below), and the final will count as two tests, making five "tests" in all. You get to drop the lowest test score. The remaining four scores will be averaged, giving your test average. The quiz average counts for 20% of the grade and the test average counts as 80% of the grade; thus if Q is your quiz average and T is your test average the final grade wiil be determined by the overall average $A = (Q + 4T)/5$. An average of at least 90 will get an A, at least 80 will get a B, at least 70 will get a C and at least 60 will get a D.

Note There will be no make-up quizzes or exams given *after* the scheduled date except in case of a documented medical emergency. A *documented* official University event will typically qualify for a makeup exam *before* the scheduled date; in such a case you need to make arrangements with me *at least two weeks* **before** *the scheduled date.*

There will be no calculators (also no IPods, etc.) on quizzes and tests. Also no cellphones! If I see you *looking at* a prohibited device during a quiz or test there will be an Academic Integrity complaint. You're **required** to keep your cellphone out of sight (in your pocket, purse, whatever) during quizzes and tests.

Exam Dates

Exam 1: Friday, September 21.
Exam 2: Friday, October 26.
Exam 3: Monday, November 30.
Final: 10:00-11:50 Friday, December 14.

The Book. The book is *Linear Algebra* by David Poole. (Full title: *Linear Algebra: A Modern Introduction.*)

We will not officially be using WebAssign in this section, so you have two options: a hard copy or the e-book.

Hard Copy. I'm told that the bookstore does not have any hard copies for sale (although if you buy "Cengage Unlimited" at the bookstore you can *rent* a hard copy for a nomial fee covering shipping).

I checked Amazon; they're selling the book for less than the OSU bookstore, but they didn't have many copies in stock the day I checked. There are other online bookstores—if you didn't know, you can find a lot of stuff on the internet by searching at google.com. If you find a good place to buy it please let the rest of us know.

Hmm, come to think of it there's a **third option**. If you have a Kindle or compatible device you could get the Kindle edition at Amazon. Still cheaper than the OSU bookstore, and it's certainly going to be in stock. (Also the Kindle edition includes the exercises, or it had better, saving you the hassle of messing with WebAssign as outlined below.)

E-Book. Or you can buy the e-book at the OSU bookstore. Presumably when they sell it to you they include instructions on how to access it online. (Note again that if you buy "Cengage Unlimited" you can then rent a hard copy.)

Note that although we're not officially using WebAssign, if you're using the e-book I'm told you'll need to go to WebAssign to see the homework. I'm told this is what you need to do about that:

1. Go to https://www.webassign.net/
2. Click Enter Class Key in the top right
3. Enter the Class Key that corresponds to this section: **okstate 6674 9112**
4. Sign into your Cengage/WebAssign account if you have one, or create an account if not.
5. You should see the student view at that point and be able to select what sort of access you want (Cengage Unlimited, giving access to a broad range of Cengage products, or just WebAssign with e-book).

(Please note that none of this was my idea; in fact I wasn't informed of any of this until a few days before the start of the semester.)