

## 640:250 Introduction to Linear Algebra

**Text:** Spence, Insel & Friedberg *Elementary Linear Algebra: A Matrix Approach*  
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### Suggested Syllabus

Lecture	Reading	Topics
1	1.1, 1.2	Matrices and Vectors
2	1.3	Systems of Linear Equations
3	1.4	Gaussian Elimination
4	1.6	Span of a Set of Vectors
5	1.7	Linear Dependence and Linear Independence
6	1.7, 2.1	Homogeneous Systems, Matrix Multiplication
7	2.1	Matrix Algebra
8	2.3	Invertibility and Elementary Matrices
9	2.4	Inverse of a Matrix
10	2.5	LU Decomposition of a Matrix
11	<b>Midterm Exam #1</b>	
12	3.1	Determinants; Cofactor Expansions
13	3.2	Properties of Determinants
14	4.1	Subspaces
15	4.2	Basis and Dimension
16	4.3	Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix
17	5.1	Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
18	5.2	Characteristic Polynomial
19	5.3	Diagonalization of a Matrix
20	5.3, 5.5	Examples of Diagonalization; Markov chains
21	<b>Midterm Exam # 2</b>	
22	6.1	Geometry of Vectors; Projection onto a Line
23	6.2	Orthogonal Sets of Vectors; Gram-Schmidt Process
24	6.2	Orthogonal Projection; Orthogonal Complements
25	6.3	Least Squares; Normal Equations
26	6.4, 6.5	Orthogonal Matrices; Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices
27	6.5	Spectral Decomposition for Symmetric Matrices Diagonalization of Quadratic Forms
28		Catch up and review
	<b>Final Exam</b>	(Class-hour exam schedule)