

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY
Summer School, 2019

Information Sheet for **MATH1014 Introduction to Linear Algebra**

Websites: It is important that you check both the Summer School website and the MATH1014 webpage regularly.

Summer School webpage: <http://www.maths.usyd.edu.au/u/UG/SS>

MATH1014 webpage: <http://www.maths.usyd.edu.au/u/UG/SS/SS1014>

Both sites may be accessed through the Learning Management System (Canvas).

<https://canvas.sydney.edu.au>

Important announcements relating to Summer School will be posted on the Summer School page. On the MATH1014 page you will find online resources (e.g. lecture notes, tutorial sheets, and assessment tasks) and other useful links. Announcements regarding assessment tasks will be made on this page at various times throughout Summer School.

Ed discussion forum: Please post any questions about MATH1014 content on the Ed discussion forum so that other students may either answer your question or benefit from seeing the answer.

<https://edstem.org>

Teaching days: You will have 12 teaching days (consisting of lectures and tutorials) over 5 weeks, as follows. Please check your personal timetable for the location of your tutorial.

Week	Date	Time	Type	Location	Lecturer
1	Wed 9 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Thur 10 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Fri 11 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
2	Thur 17 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Fri 18 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
3	Wed 23 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Thur 24 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Fri 25 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
4	Thur 31 Jan	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Fri 1 Feb	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
5	Thur 7 Feb	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		
	Fri 8 Feb	10am–12pm	Lecture	PNR Lecture Theatre 1	Lachlan Smith
		12pm–1pm	Tutorial		

Consultation times: Consultation times will be posted on the MATH1014 webpage.

Tutorials: Tutorials start in Week 1. You should attend the tutorial given on your personal timetable. Attendance at tutorials will be recorded. Your attendance will not be recorded unless you attend the tutorial in which you are enrolled.

Tutorial and exercise sheets: The question sheets for a given week will be available on the MATH1014 webpage.

Textbook: *A first course in linear algebra, 3rd edition*, by David Easdown. Available from the Co-op Bookshop.

Assessment: Your final raw mark for this unit of study will be calculated as follows:

- 65%: Exam at end of Semester 2.
- 15%: Quiz 1 mark (using the better mark principle).
- 15%: Quiz 2 mark (using the better mark principle).
- 2.5%: Assignment 1 mark.
- 2.5%: Assignment 2 mark.

The *better mark principle* means that for each quiz, the quiz counts if and only if it is better than or equal to your exam mark. If your quiz mark is less than your exam mark, the exam mark will be used for that portion of your assessment instead. For example, if your quiz 1 mark is better than your exam mark while your quiz 2 mark is worse than your exam mark, then the exam will count for 80%, quiz 1 will count for 15%, and the assignments will count for 5% of your overall mark. The assignment marks count for 5% regardless of whether they are better than your exam mark or not.

Final grades are returned within one of the following bands:

High Distinction (HD), 85–100: representing complete or close to complete mastery of the material; **Distinction (D), 75–84:** representing excellence, but substantially less than complete mastery; **Credit (CR), 65–74:** representing a creditable performance that goes beyond routine knowledge and understanding, but less than excellence; **Pass (P), 50–64:** representing at least routine knowledge and understanding over a spectrum of topics and important ideas and concepts in the course.

A student with a passing or higher grade should be well prepared to undertake further studies in mathematics which are dependent on this unit of study.

Examination: There is one examination with 10 minutes of reading time and 90 minutes of writing time. It will be held at 9:50am on Thursday 14 February in a room TBA. Further information about the exam will be made available at a later date on the website.

Quizzes: Quizzes will be held during tutorials. You must sit for the quiz during the tutorial in which you are enrolled, unless you have permission from the Student Services Office, issued only for verifiable reasons. Otherwise, your quiz mark may not be recorded. Quizzes will only be returned in the tutorial you sat the quiz and must be collected by the end of Summer School.

Assignments: There are two assignments, which must be submitted electronically, **as PDF files only**, in Turnitin (an internet-based plagiarism-prevention service), via the Learning Management System (Canvas) website by the deadline. Note that your assignment will not be marked if it is illegible or if it is submitted sideways or upside down. It is your responsibility to check that your assignment has been submitted correctly (check that you can view each page). Late submissions will receive a mark of zero.

Late penalties: All assignments must be submitted by the due date. Students are expected to manage their time and to prioritise tasks to meet deadlines. Assessment items submitted after the due date without an approved extension using a special consideration or special arrangement form or request will incur penalties.

If you encounter a problem submitting your work on time, you may be able to arrange a simple extension. A simple extension is an informal arrangement between you and your unit of study coordinator. You may be able to receive an extension of up to two working days for non-examination tasks, as outlined in clause 66A of the Coursework Policy 2014. If you need an extension for a longer period, you may be eligible to apply for special consideration. sydney.edu.au/students/simple-extensions

Special consideration: A special consideration application can be made for short-term circumstances beyond your control, such as illness, injury or misadventure, which affect your preparation or performance in an assessment. sydney.edu.au/special-consideration-and-arrangements.

Assessment and feedback schedule:

Task	Available	Deadline/date	Latest extension*	Feedback
Assignment 1	Fri 11 Jan	11:59 pm Fri 18 Jan	11:59 pm Fri 25 Jan	9 am Tue 29 Jan
Quiz 1		Thu 24 Jan (Week 3)		Thu 31 Jan (Week 4)
Assignment 2	Fri 25 Jan	11:59 pm Fri 1 Feb	11:59 pm Fri 8 Feb	9 am Mon 11 Feb
Quiz 2		Thu 7 Feb (Week 5)		Tue 12 Feb (Week 6)

* Extensions for assignments are only possible for students registered with Disability Services or for approved Special Consideration or Special Arrangements applications.

Any questions? Before you contact us with any enquiry, please check the FAQ page:

<http://sydney.edu.au/science/math/su/UG/JM/FAQ.html>.

Where to go for help: For administrative matters, go to the *Student Services Office, Carslaw 520*. For help with mathematics, see your lecturer, your tutor, or use the Ed discussion forum (<https://edstem.org>). Lecturers guarantee to be available during their indicated office hours, but may be available at other times as well. If you are having difficulties with mathematics due to insufficient background, you may seek help from the *Mathematics Learning Centre*. You may also email questions about the subject to MATH1014@sydney.edu.au. Ensure that any emails that you send to this address contain your name and SID, because anonymous emails will be ignored.

Graduate qualities: The graduate qualities are the qualities and skills that all University of Sydney graduates must demonstrate on successful completion of an award course. As a future Sydney graduate, the set of qualities have been designed to equip you for the contemporary world. For more information go to sydney.edu.au/students/graduate-qualities.

GQ1 Depth of disciplinary expertise

GQ2 Critical thinking and problem solving

GQ3 Communication (oral and written)

GQ4 Information & digital literacy

GQ5 Inventiveness

GQ6 Cultural competence

GQ7 Interdisciplinary effectiveness

GQ8 Integrated professional, ethical and personal identity

GQ9 Influence

Objectives: The objectives of this unit are to:

- introduce the concept of a vector;
- illustrate how vectors are used in real-life applications;
- introduce the basic concepts of linear algebra – systems of linear equations, matrices, determinants, eigenvalues and eigenvectors;
- apply these concepts to some real world phenomena;
- improve your ability to think logically, analytically, and abstractly;
- enhance your problem-solving skills.

Outcomes: Students who successfully complete this unit should be able to:

- represent vectors both algebraically and geometrically in \mathbb{R}^2 and \mathbb{R}^3 ;
- perform operations on vectors (addition, scalar multiplication, dot and cross products);
- find equations of lines and planes in \mathbb{R}^3 ;
- perform arithmetic operations in \mathbb{Z}_n ;
- understand how to use a check digit code vector;
- solve systems of linear equations using Gaussian elimination;
- set up systems of linear equations to model real-world situations;
- add and multiply matrices, and be able to find inverses;
- find a steady-state vector for a Markov process;
- understand how Leslie matrices are used to model population growth;
- calculate eigenvalues and eigenvectors of 2×2 and 3×3 matrices.

Proposed teaching-day outline:

Day	Topics	Text reference
1	Geometry and algebra of vectors	Chapter 1
2	Length, dot product, cross product	Chapters 2 and 3 Chapter 4
3	Lines and planes	Chapters 5 and 6
4	Modular arithmetic	Additional notes will be provided
5	Code vectors Systems of linear equations	Additional notes will be provided Chapter 7
6	Gaussian and Gauss-Jordan Elimination and applications	Chapter 7
7	Matrices	Chapter 8
8	The inverse of a matrix	Chapter 9
9	Markov chains	Additional notes will be provided
10	Leslie population models Introduction to eigenvalues and eigenvectors	Additional notes will be provided Section 4.1
11	Determinants	Chapter 10
12	Eigenvalues and eigenvectors	Chapter 11

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Attendance: Unless otherwise indicated, students are expected to attend a minimum of 80% of timetabled activities for a unit of study, unless granted exemption by the Associate Dean.

For some units of study the minimum attendance requirement, as specified in the relevant table of units or the unit of study outline, may be greater than 80%.

The Associate Dean may determine that a student has failed a unit of study because of inadequate attendance.

Further details are available from the Science Undergraduate Handbook 2018: http://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/science/coursework/faculty_resolutions.shtml and the Science Postgraduate Handbook 2018: http://sydney.edu.au/handbooks/science_PG.

Online Components: This unit of study requires regular use of the University's Learning Management System (LMS). This could be either Blackboard or Canvas. Internet access is required to use the LMS.

Assessment Submission: Assessment tasks must be submitted by the due date. Submission will be online through the LMS unless instructed otherwise.

Compliance Statement All students must submit a signed statement of compliance with each piece of work submitted to the University for assessment, presentation or publication. A statement of compliance certifies that no part of the work constitutes a breach of the Academic Honesty in Coursework Policy 2015: <https://sydney.edu.au/policies/showdoc.aspx?recnum=PDO2012/254&RendNum=0>.

This will be completed as part of the Turnitin assignment submission.

Educational integrity: While the University is aware that the vast majority of students and staff act ethically and honestly, it is opposed to and will not tolerate academic dishonesty or plagiarism and will treat all allegations of dishonesty seriously.

All written assignments submitted in this unit of study will be submitted to the similarity detecting software program known as Turnitin. Turnitin searches for matches between text in your written assessment task and text sourced from the Internet, published works and assignments that have previously been submitted to Turnitin. If such matches indicate evidence of plagiarism to your teacher, they are required to report your work for further investigation.

Plagiarism is defined as presenting another persons work as ones own by presenting, copying or reproducing it without appropriate acknowledgement of the source.

Plagiarism includes presenting work for assessment, publication, or otherwise, that includes:

- a. phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or longer extracts from published or unpublished work (including from the internet) without appropriate acknowledgement of the source; or
- b. the work of another person, without appropriate acknowledgement of the source and in a way that exceeds the boundaries of legitimate co-operation.

Further information on academic honesty and the resources available to all students can be found on the Academic Integrity page of the current students website: sydney.edu.au/educational-integrity.

Academic Honesty Education Module (AHM) All students commencing their study at the University of Sydney are required to complete the Academic Honesty Education Module. You will find the AHM in your Learning Management System.

Special Consideration In the event of serious illness or misadventure which affects your preparation or performance in an assessment task, you may be eligible for Special Consideration. Further information is available at: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration-and-arrangements.html>. You should *not* submit an application for Special Consideration or Special Arrangements for this unit of study

- if you are absent from a tutorial and there is no assessment associated with the missed tutorial, or
- if you miss a quiz, since the better mark principle applies.

The assessment category for the assignments is “Submitted Work”.

Student Feedback: The Unit of Study Survey

At the completion of each Unit of Study, students are asked via email to complete an online survey to provide feedback on their experiences in that Unit of Study. This feedback is invaluable when reviewing curriculum design and implementation styles.

University Work, Health and Safety Policy: We are governed by the Work Health and Safety Act 2011, Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011 and Codes of Practice. Penalties for non-compliance have increased. Everyone has a responsibility for health and safety at work. The University’s Work Health and Safety policy explains the responsibilities and expectations of workers and others, and the procedures for managing WHS risks associated with University activities.

General Laboratory Safety Rules

- No eating or drinking is allowed in any laboratory under any circumstances
- A laboratory coat and closed-toe shoes are mandatory
- Follow safety instructions in your manual and posted in laboratories
- In case of fire, follow instructions posted outside the laboratory door
- First aid kits, eye wash and fire extinguishers are located in or immediately outside each laboratory

As a precautionary measure, it is recommended that you have a current tetanus immunisation. This can be obtained from University Health Service (<http://www.unihealth.usyd.edu.au/>).

For more details please refer to Emergencies and safety on campus: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/emergencies-and-safety-on-campus.html>

Student Support Services:

A guide for new students:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/browse.html?category=new-students&topic=getting-started>

Counselling and mental health support:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support.html>

Disability Support:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/disability-support.html>

International Student Support:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/support-for-international-students.html>

Learning Services / Study Skills Support:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/learning-services.html>

Student IT and online learning:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/browse.html?category=student-it-and-online-learning&topic=online-learning>

Academic Writing:

<https://sydney.edu.au/students/writing.html>