

Math 2B.01 and Math 2BH.01

Linear Algebra
De Anza College
Fall 2026

Instructor: Dr. Jim Mailhot (pronounced MY-it)

Classroom: G1

Meeting Times: MW 8:30 – 10:45am

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Office Hours: M 1:45 – 2:35pm, TW 1:45 – 3:00pm

How to Contact Me:

- Talk to me before or after class.
- e-Mail – expect a response by the end of the next business day.
- Come to office hours (no appointment necessary).

Textbook: *Elementary Linear Algebra*, 8th edition, by Ron Larson

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Construct and evaluate linear systems/models to solve application problems.
- Solve problems by deciding upon and applying appropriate algorithms/concepts from linear algebra.
- Apply theoretical principles of linear algebra to define properties of linear transformations, matrices and vector spaces.

Grading: Your grade in this course will be based on homework, quizzes, two midterms and a comprehensive final exam, weighted as follows:

Homework	:	10%
Quizzes (lowest score dropped):		15%
2 Midterms:		18.75% each
Final Exam:		37.5%

Grade breakdowns are:

92.5% and above:	A
90 – 92.5%:	A–
87.5 – 90%:	B+
82.5 – 87.5%:	B
80 – 82.5%:	B–
77.5 – 80%:	C+
70 – 77.5%:	C
60 – 70%:	D
under 60%:	F

Homework: Homework problems from the textbook will be posted in Canvas. Homework from sections covered in class one week will be due the following week. Homework can either be handed in on paper in class (due Wednesdays at the start of class) or uploaded electronically in Canvas (due Wednesdays at 11:59pm).

Quizzes: There will be periodic in-class quizzes. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped, and the remaining quiz scores will count toward your course grade.

Exams: There will be two in-class midterms and a comprehensive final exam. You may bring one 8.5"×11" sheet of hand-written notes (both sides) to exams. Calculators are *not* allowed on exams. Make-up exams will not be given.

Extra Credit? No.

Cheating Policy: Don't be a cheater. Any student caught cheating on a quiz or an exam will receive zero points on that quiz or exam, and will be reported to the Office of Student Development. The same holds for any student who allows another student to cheat.

Be courteous to your fellow students. Please turn off all electronic devices. Anyone who repeatedly disrupts the class may be asked to leave.

College Policies:

- Students *can not* take the same class more than three times for a grade, *including W*.
- Late adds and late drops *will not* be processed.

Honors: An Honors cohort is being offered in this section. If you are in the Honors Program you are welcome to participate in the cohort. Please e-mail me if you are interested in taking this class as an Honors class. The Honors cohort entails additional work and you will earn an Honors designation for this class on your transcript. Once you commit to the Honors portion, you will be expected to complete the extra work. Failure to complete the Honors work will result in a lowering of your course grade.

If you are not a member of the Honors Program but think you may be eligible to join, and want to take this class as an Honors class, please e-mail me.

Important Dates:

Monday, September 21 – First class meeting

Sunday, October 4 – Last day to add

Sunday, October 4 – Last day to drop with no record

Wednesday, November 11 – Veterans' Day (holiday)

Friday, November 13 – Last day to drop with a 'W'

Wednesday, December 2 – Last class meeting

Monday, December 7 – Final Exam (9:15 – 11:15am)

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