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OFFICE HOURS: 12:50-2:55pm or by appointment

MATHEMATICS 221 Spring 2023

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CALCULATOR: None Allowed!

Class meeting: 12-12:50pm on MWF, Neckers 218

Tutoring sessions: Mon-Thurs from 5-9pm in Lib 680

Book: *Elementary Linear Algebra*, by Howard Anton 11th ed.

Coverage: Chap1-6 (may not be whole chapters)

Exams: Two midterm exams and one final exam. Depending on our lecture pace, I will announce the midterm exam dates in class.

Homework: collect homework on every Friday in class. Homework problems will be given in class and also posted on the webpage: <http://lagrange.math.siu.edu/Xu-d/www/ma221-Spr23.htm>. Late homework will not be accepted.

Grading Scale

90 ↑ A	80 ↑ B	70 ↑ C	60 ↑ D	59 ↓ F
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Grades

Midterm exams	35
Homework	25
Final	35
Attendance	5

Grading
Information

Last Day to drop with Refund: 1/27; Last Day to drop with no Refund (W grade): 4/2

Suggestion: Take full advantage of our tutoring sessions.

Find at least one or two other students from the class with whom you can regularly do homework and prepare for exams. Your classmates are perhaps the least used and arguably your best resource. An efficient and effective study group will streamline homework and study time and greatly improve your written and spoken communication. The best time to use your classmates as study/homework partners is after you have made an **honest effort on your own** to solve the problems using your own wits, knowledge, and experience. When you encounter an unsolvable problem, don't give up too soon on it. Being stumped is an opportunity for mathematical growth and insight, even if you never solve the problem on your own. If you seek help prematurely, you will never know if you could have solved a tough problem without outside assistance.