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## 640:250 Introduction to Linear Algebra

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### Syllabus

Lecture	Reading	Topics
1	1.1, 1.2	Matrices, Vectors, and Linear Combinations
2	1.3	Systems of Linear Equations
3	1.4	Gaussian Elimination
4	1.6, 1.7	Span of a Set of Vectors, Linear Dependence and Linear Independence
5	1.7, 2.1	Homogeneous Systems, Matrix Multiplication
6	2.3, App. E, 2.4	Invertibility and Elementary Matrices, Inverse of a Matrix
7	2.5, 2.6	Partitioned Matrices and Block Multiplication, $LU$ Decomposition of a Matrix
8	<b>First Midterm Exam</b>	
9	2.7, 2.8	Linear Transformations, Invertibility of Transformations
10	4.1, 4.2	Subspaces, Bases and Dimension
11	4.3	Column Space and Null Space of a Matrix
12	3.1, 3.2	Determinants; Cofactor Expansions, Properties of Determinants
13	5.1	Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
14	5.2, 5.3	Characteristic Polynomial, Diagonalization of a Matrix
15	5.5	Applications of Eigenvalues
16	<b>Second Midterm Exam</b>	
17	6.1	Geometry of Vectors, Projection onto a Line
18	6.2, 6.3	Orthogonal Vectors, Gram-Schmidt, Orthogonal Projection, Orthogonal Complements
19	6.4, 6.5	Least Squares; Normal Equations, Orthogonal Matrices
20	6.6	Diagonalization of Symmetric Matrices
21	7.1, 7.2	Vector Spaces and Linear Transformations
22		Catch up and Review
23	<b>Final Exam</b>	