

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Linear Algebra

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** MAT 2670

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will learn the algebra and geometry of finite-dimensional vector spaces and their linear transformations, the algebra of matrices and determinants, characteristic values and vectors, and diagonalization of matrices. A computer algebra system such as DERIVE is incorporated into the course. This course is intended for students majoring in mathematics, computer science and engineering.

Prerequisite: MAT 1720.

**General Education Requirements Met**

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Math

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. Perform matrix operations.
  2. Describe a vector space and find its basis and dimension.
  3. Use matrices for linear transformations.
  4. Find the Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors of a matrix.
  5. Recognize the importance of ethical behavior in fostering a community of mutual respect and dignity.
  6. Interpret and draw inferences from appropriate mathematical models such as formulas, graphs, tables, or schematics. [SUNY Gen Ed – Mathematics]
  7. Represent mathematical information symbolically, visually, numerically, or verbally as appropriate. [SUNY Gen Ed – Mathematics]
  8. Employ quantitative methods such as arithmetic, algebra, geometry, or statistics to solve problems. [SUNY Gen Ed – Mathematics]
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**Topics Covered:**

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| • Introduction to Linear Equations and Gaussian Elimination | • Inner Product Spaces                              |
| • Matrix Algebra  | • Orthonormal Bases                                 |
| • Determinants  | • Least Squares Analysis                            |
| • $\mathbb{R}^n$  | • Linear Transformations                            |
| • Vector Spaces   | • Kernel and Range                                  |
| • Subspaces   | • Matrices for linear transformations               |
| • Spanning sets and linear independence                     | • Transition Matrices and Similarity (if time)      |
| • Basis and Dimension                                       | • Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors                      |
| • Rank of a matrix  | • Diagonalization                                   |
| • Change of Basis (if time)                                 | • Symmetric Matrices and Orthogonal Diagonalization |
| • Length and Dot Product                                    | • Applications of Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors      |
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)

Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)

- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2023