

Syllabus for MTH 42 (Online version)

Due to the changing nature of our social situation (i.e. Covid-19) and the newness of online teaching, it IS possible for some parts of the syllabus to change during the semester. If that happens you will be clearly informed in class and by email.

1. GENERAL COURSE INFORMATION

Instructor: Kerry Ojakian (*Email:* ojakianteaching@gmail.com).

Website: <http://fsw01.bcc.cuny.edu/kerry.ojakian/TeachingPages/TeachingMainPage.html>

Book: *Linear Algebra With Applications* by Jeffrey Holt (**First Edition**)

2. TESTS

- There will be two tests during the semester, and a final exam after the semester is over.
- There are no make-up midterm exams, except under very extenuating circumstances, accompanied by documentation (which will be verified).

3. GROUP WORK

- We will have regular group assignments in class, where you will work with other students in the class (and work outside of class if not finished during class). They will be worth 5 points, with a possible grade of 3, 4, or 5.
- If you are not present for a class when a group assignment is handed out, you will receive a 0 for that assignment.
- Your lowest group assignment grade will be dropped.

4. HOMEWORK

- There will be two kinds of homework:
 - WeBWork - done on any computer with an internet connection.
 - Paper-and-Pencil - written or typed, then scanned to a PDF (as one single, legible file) and put in your Dropbox.
- Late homework is generally **not** accepted. However, your lowest paper-and-pencil homework grade will be dropped. I also essentially drop your lowest WeBWork homework; in fact I do better: I simply add 5% to your overall homework score at the end of the semester (though your score can't go above 100%).

5. ACADEMIC DISHONESTY

There is a zero-tolerance policy for cheating - If determined to be cheating in any regard, the consequence is: Fail the class and get reported to administration. More details appear in the class contract.

6. GRADING

Your final numerical grade will be determined as follows:

- (a) Final Exam: 25%
- (b) Two In-Class Exams: 35% (17.5% each)
- (c) Homework: 25% (WeBWork and Paper-and-Pencil combined in some way)
- (d) Group Assignments: 15%
- (e) Virtual Attendance: Considered but not official (unless policy is changed)

From the final numerical grade, the guaranteed minimum term grade is as follows:

A- for 90 or above, B- for 80 or above, C- for 70 or above, D- for 60 or above

7. ACCOMMODATIONS/DISABILITIES

BCC respects and welcomes students of all backgrounds and abilities. In the event you encounter any barrier(s) to full participation in this course due to the impact of a disability, please contact DisAbility Services as soon as possible this semester. A Disability Services specialist will work with you to review the barriers you are experiencing and explain the eligibility process for establishing academic accommodations for this course. You can reach DisAbility Services by email at disabilityservices@bcc.cuny.edu or by phone at (718) 289-5874. You may also reach DisAbility Services through Microsoft Teams. Download the Teams app, login using your CUNYfirst login, and join the DSO Student Service Center team using the following access code: neewu66.

8. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic dishonesty (such as plagiarism and cheating) is prohibited at Bronx Community College and is punishable by penalties, including failing grades, dismissal and expulsion. For additional information and the full policy on Academic Integrity, please consult the BCC College Catalog.

9. RECORDING OF REMOTE CLASSES

Students who participate in this class with their camera on or use a profile image are agreeing to have their video or image recorded solely for the purpose of creating a record for students enrolled in the class to refer to, including those enrolled students who are unable to attend live. If you are unwilling to consent to have your profile or video image recorded, be sure to keep your camera off and do not use a profile image. Likewise, students who un-mute during class and participate orally are agreeing to have their voices recorded. If you are not willing to consent to have your voice recorded during class, you will need to keep your mute button activated and communicate exclusively using the "chat" feature, which allows students to type questions and comments live.

10. OTHER EXPECTATIONS

Respect. You are expected to show respect for the other students, the professor, and the class environment. In particular, behavior which disrupts the learning of other students will not be tolerated (for example, engaging in a conversation while I am lecturing).

Class Attendance. You are responsible for everything discussed in class. If you miss class, it is *your responsibility* to find out what you missed. There will be in-class work, which you can **not** make up if you miss class.