

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Mathematics**

**MA 303 Tentative Schedule for Spring Semester 2024**

Text: *Introduction to Linear Analysis*, by N. J. Rose

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Sections</b>	<b>Topics</b>
<b>Jan. 09</b>	1.1, 1.2	Difference Equations
11	1.2, 1.3	Difference Equations, Compound Interest
16	1.3	Compound Interest
18	1.4, 1.5	Mortgage Amortizations, 1 <sup>st</sup> Order Difference Equation
23	1.6	1 <sup>st</sup> Order Difference Equations
25	1.7	Complex Numbers
30	1.7, 1.8	Complex Numbers, Fibonacci Numbers
<b>Feb. 01</b>		<b>Midterm test # 1 (online, no face-to-face class!)</b>
06	1.9	Properties of Solutions of Second Order Linear Difference Equations
08	1.10	Homogeneous 2 <sup>nd</sup> Order
<b>Feb. 13</b>	---	<b>Wellness day (no classes)</b>
15	1.11	Non-homogeneous
20	1.12, 1.13	Economic Model, Gambler's Ruin
22	2.1, 2.2	Differential Equations, Separation of Variables
27	2.3	1 <sup>st</sup> Order and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Order Linear Differential Equations
<b>Feb. 29</b>		<b>Midterm test # 2 (online, no face-to-face class!)</b>
<b>Mar. 05</b>	3.0, 3.1	Introduction to Vectors and Matrices, Vector Algebra
07	3.2, 3.3	Matrix Notation for Linear Systems, Properties of Solutions
<b>Mar. 11-15</b>		<b>Spring Break (no classes)</b>
19	3.4, 3.5	Elementary Operations, REF & RREF
21	3.6, 3.7	Solution of Linear Systems, Consistency of Linear Systems
26	3.8	Matrix Algebra
28	3.9, 3.10	Powers, Transposes, Inverses
<b>Apr. 02</b>	3.10	Inverses
04	3.11, 3.12	Linear Dependence and Linear Independence, Determinants
<b>Apr. 09</b>		<b>Midterm test # 3 (online, no face-to-face class!)</b>
11	3.13, 3.14	Eigenvalues & Eigenvectors
16	3.15	Systems of Differential Equations
18	3.16	$A^k$ and Solutions of Systems of Difference Equations
<b>Apr. 25</b>		<b>Final exam (IN PERSON, scheduled between 3:30pm and 6pm in SAS 2229)</b>