

1. Get into the **OR505 Linear Programming Page** at <http://www.ise.ncsu.edu/fangroup>
2. Read the **syllabus** and **references**.
3. Get into the **Operations Research Page** under **Resources** at <http://www.ie.ncsu.edu/fangroup/or.html>
4. Get into **LP FAQ Page** (Frequently Asked Questions) at <http://www.ise.ncsu.edu/fangroup/or.dir/indexor.html#faq> or wiki.mcs.anl.gov/NEOS/index.php/Linear_Programming_FAQ >
5. Read through all those questions.
6. Also go through library network to download and read the following papers:
 - (a) G.B. Dantzig - Linear Programming (Operations Research, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2002)
 - (b) S.I. Gass - The First Linear Programming Shoppe (Operations Research, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2002)
 - (c) R.E. Bixby - Solving Real-World Linear Programs: A Decade and More of Progress (Operations Research, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2002)
 - (d) W.W. Cooper - A Brief History of a Long Collaboration in Developing Industrial Uses of LP (Operations Research, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2002)
 - (e) B. Liu - Toward Fuzzy Optimization without Mathematical Ambiguity (Fuzzy Optimization and Decision Making, Vol. 1, No. 1, 2002)
7. Write an essay to tell me:
 - (a) What do you know about LP?
and
 - (b) What do you expect to learn from this course?
8. Submit your report by e-mail to Mr. Yuan Tian by August 27, 2009.