COURSE DESCRIPTION
INTRO TO LINEAR ALGEBRA
MA 260-2B, 31939
SPRING 2014

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Course Instructor: Dr. Y. Zeng
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Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00 – 3:00PM (or by appointment)

Meeting times: TTh, 09:30 - 10:45AM
Meeting location: HHB 221
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MA 126. Any student who has not fulfilled the prerequisite will be dropped from the class.
Credits: 3 semester hours

Important dates:
First day of classes: January 6, 2014
Last day to drop without paying full tuition: January 13, 2014
Spring Break: March 24 - March 28, 2014
Last day to withdraw with a “W”: March 31, 2014
Last day of class: April 18, 2014
Major exams (tests): Test I: near Thursday, February 20
                      Test II: near Tuesday, April 15
                      (These dates are approximate and may be slightly shifted due to unforeseen circumstances.)
Final exam: Wednesday, April 23, 2014, 1:30PM–4:00PM

Course policies:
• Please make sure that you are able to receive e-mail through your Blazer-ID account. Official
  course announcements will be sent to that address.
• If you wish to request a disability accommodation please contact DSS at 934-4205 or at
dss@uab.edu.
• Turning in the homework is required. You must turn in a good faith effort on 80% of the
  homework assignments; otherwise, an “I” or “F” is given. Homework is due each Tuesday.
  Only half credit is awarded for late homework. Homework decides all borderline grades.
• The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped to account for any missed classes due to illness
  or any other circumstance. If a test is missed due to a serious verifiable circumstance or
  official university business, the test grade will be replaced with the properly rescaled final

Date: January 9, 2013.
exam score. You must contact the instructor of such circumstances **before** the exam takes place.

- No books, notes, or calculators will be allowed during any of the tests or quizzes.
- Your course performance is your course average (including the final exam score). This is a number between 0 and 100.
  
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<td>Homework and Quizzes</td>
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- Your final grade is determined according to the following table:

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<th>88-100</th>
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