COURSE DESCRIPTION
INTRO TO LINEAR ALGEBRA
MA 260–1F, 50327
FALL 2011

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

Course Instructor: Professor Paul H. Jung
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Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday 2–3 p.m. (or by appointment)

Meeting times: MWF, 1–1:50 PM
Meeting location: EB 133
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MA 126 equivalent. Any student who has not fulfilled
the prerequisite will be dropped from the class.
Credits: 3 semester hours

Important dates:
First day of class: Wednesday, August 17, 2011
Last day to drop without paying full tuition: Tuesday, August 23, 2011
Labor day holiday: Monday, September 5, 2011
Fall break: October 13–16, 2011
Last day to withdraw with a “W”: October 28, 2011
Thanks giving: November 23–27
Last day of class: Monday, December 5, 2011
Midterm Exam: Friday, October 21
Final exam: Wednesday, December 14 10:45–1:15

Date: August 15, 2011.
Course policies:

- Please make sure that you are able to receive e-mail through your Blazer-ID account. Official course announcements may be sent to that address.
- If your are contacted by the Early Alert Program, you should consider taking advantage of the services it offers. Various services to assist you are also listed in the Student Resources section of the Blazernet web site.
- If you wish to request a disability accommodation please contact DSS at 934-4205 or at dss@uab.edu.
- The two lowest quiz grades will be dropped to account for any missed quizzes due to illness or any other circumstance. If the midterm exam is missed due to a serious verifiable circumstance or official university business, the test grade will be replaced with the properly rescaled final exam score. You must alert me of such circumstances 1 week before the exam takes place.
- No books, notes, or calculators will be allowed during any of the tests or quizzes.

Methods of teaching and learning:

- Class meetings of 50 minutes consisting of lectures and discussions of examples and homework problems. Time also includes quizzes and a midterm exam.
- Students are expected to undertake at least 10 hours of private study and homework per week.

Assessment procedures: Student achievement will be assessed by the following measures:

- Unannounced/announced quizzes. Quiz problems are verbatim from the homework problem sets. If you can do the homework problems, you will do well on the quizzes. Quizzes contribute 20% to the course average.
- Midterm exam The midterm contributes 35% to the course average.
- Final exam The final contributes 45% to the course average.
- In addition your grade maybe raised by a strong performance on the final exam (normally at most one letter grade).

Tips:

- Help is available in the Math Learning Lab (HH 202); M–Th 9–8, F 9–5.
- By working steadily and regularly, you will increase your chances to succeed in this course.
- Remember, being a full-time student is a full-time job.