COURSE DESCRIPTION
CALCULUS I
MA 125–6A, 51919
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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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Meeting times: MW, 8:00 AM–9:50 PM
Meeting location: HHB 126
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MA 106, MA 107 or equivalent. Any student who has not fulfilled the prerequisite will be dropped from the class.
Credits: 4 semester hours

Important dates:
First day of classes: August 29, 2016
Labor Day Holiday: Monday, September 5, 2016
Last day to drop without paying full tuition: September 6, 2016
Last day to withdraw with a “W”: October 21, 2016
Fall/Thanksgiving Break: November 21–25
Last day of class: December 9, 2016

Test I: near Monday, September 26; Sec. 1.1–1.6, 2.1–2.4;
Test II: near Wednesday, October 19; Sec. 2.5, 2.8, 3.1–3.5;
Test III: near Wednesday, November 9; Sec. 3.7, 4.1–4.5;
Test IV: near Wednesday, November 30, Sec. 3.6, 5.1–5.3.

(These dates are approximate and may be slightly shifted due to unforeseen circumstances.)

Final exam: Wednesday, December 14, 2016, 1:30–4PM (Location to be announced.)

NOTE DATE AND TIME OF FINAL EXAM!!

Date: August 26, 2016.
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 you 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.
- 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 exam score. If you miss the final exam you will receive a zero score for this exam. In all cases you must contact your instructor of such circumstances before the exam takes place.
- Calculators (without internet access) will be allowed during any of the tests or quizzes. In addition, students can bring one quick reference card to tests including the final exam (i.e., a standard size 5” × 8”-index card; both sides can be used).

Methods of teaching and learning:

- Class meetings of 110 minutes consisting of lectures, discussions of examples and homework problems. Time also includes quizzes, and four in-class tests.
- Students are expected to undertake at least 10 hours of private study and homework per week.
- The online homework system WebAssign will be used (look for more information below).

Assessment procedures:

- Student achievement will be assessed by the following measures:
  - Regular online homework. On line homework will be due regularly. Feedback is provided when wrong answers are given. Students are encouraged to retake the homework problems (with randomly changed parameters) until they obtain correct answers. A limited number (at most 3) of takes is allowed during the week in which the set is available. Problems on tests are modeled after homework problems. Staying on top of homework is therefore extremely important. Quiz problems are similar to the homework problem sets. This allows students to gauge whether they are ready to work problems in a test situation. Homework counts for 5% of the course average.
  - Quizzes on most Wednesdays. Quiz problems are similar to the homework problem sets or to the exercises and examples discussed in class. This allows students to gauge whether they are ready to work problems in a test situation. Quizzes contribute 5% to the course average.
- Four in class tests including short questions (Part I) as well as problems re-
  quiring in depth understanding including word-problems (Part II). Partial credit
  is awarded where appropriate. Each test contributes 15% to the course average.
- A 150-minute comprehensive final examination including Part I and Part
  II type problems. The final contributes 30% to the course average.

- Your course performance is your course average (including the final exam score). This
  is a number between 0 and 100.
- Your final grade is determined according to the following table:

  Course performance: 88-100  75-87  62-74  50-61  below 50
  Final Grade:         A      B      C      D      F

- In addition your grade maybe raised by a strong performance on the final exam (nor-
  mally at most one letter grade).

- Students will be given the opportunity to present the solutions to specific problems
  in class in order to obtain bonus points on their test score. These problems will be
  separate from the homework problems.

Tips:
- Past tests are available at www.math.uab.edu under student resources/test bank.
- 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.

How to get started on Enhanced WebAssign:
(1) Go to www.webassign.net and click on I HAVE A CLASS KEY in the signin link.
(2) Enter the following course key:

  uab 3048 2715

  and proceed. (If prompted for your institution, enter uab)
(3) When prompted to purchase an access code, select “...trial period” (Do not pur-
  chase an access code at this time. However, you must purchase an access code within
  two weeks for you to continue using the system beyond the two-week trial period.
  The system will prompt you to enter your access code when the deadline approaches.
  Your book may have an access code bundled with it. You must use it.)
(4) After your first registration, you can sign in as returning user.
(5) Should you run into technical problems Enhanced WebAssign provides technical sup-
  port online and/or by phone.

Sections to be covered:

- Chapter 1: 1.1 – 1.6.
- Chapter 2: 2.1 – 2.5 and 2.8.
- Chapter 3: 3.1 – 3.7.
- Chapter 4: 4.1 – 4.5.
- Chapter 5: 5.1–5.3.