COURSE DESCRIPTION
CALCULUS I – MA 125 - OA
SUMMER 2017

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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Meeting times: MTWR 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Meeting location: HHB 126
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in MA 106, MA 107 or equivalent
Credits: 4 semester hours
Textbook: *Essential Calculus, 2nd Edition* by James Stewart, Thomson-Brooks/Cole, 2013 (must have Enhanced WebAssign Access Code); Topics to be covered can be found in Chapters 1 — 5.3. (See below for more detail.)

Important dates:
First day of class: June 05, 2017
Last day to drop/add without paying full tuition: June 12, 2017
Independence Day Holiday: Tuesday, July 04, 2017
Last day to withdraw with a “W”: July 07, 2017
Last day of class: August 04, 2017

Test I: near Wednesday, June 21;
   Sections: 1.1 – 1.6, 2.1 – 2.6;
Test II: near Tuesday, July 11;
   Sections: 2.8, 3.1 – 3.7;
Test III: near Monday, July 31;
   Sections: 4.1 – 4.5, 5.1 – 5.3

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

Final exam: Wednesday, August 09, 4:15 PM – 6:45 PM, 2017 (Location to be announced.)

Date: May 26, 2017.
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.
- The two lowest quiz grades and the two lowest homework grades will be dropped to account for any missed assignments due to illness or any other circumstance. If a test is missed due to serious verifiable circumstances or official university business, the test grade will be replaced with the properly rescaled final exam score. You must advise the instructor of such circumstances before the exam takes place. A missed final exam gets a score of zero.
- No books or notes will be allowed during any of the tests or quizzes.
- Calculators which do not have access to the internet will be allowed during tests and/or quizzes.
- A 5'' × 8'' Quick Reference Card made by the student will also be allowed on all major exams (tests and final exam), but not on quizzes.

Methods of teaching and learning:

- Class meetings of 90 minutes consisting of lectures and discussions of examples and homework problems. Time also includes quizzes and three 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. Homework will be due on most Mondays. 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 of takes is allowed (up to a maximum of three) during the week in which the set is available. Homework contributes 5% to the course average. Problems on tests are modeled after homework problems. Staying on top of homework is therefore extremely important.
  - Unannounced quizzes. 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. Quizzes contribute 10% to the course average.
  - Three in class tests including short questions with no or limited partial credit (Part I) as well as problems requiring in depth understanding (including word-problems) for which partial credit is awarded where appropriate. Each test contributes 15% to the course average.
– **Class Attendance** contributes 10% to the course average for this term. The roll will be taken at the beginning of each class meeting. If you are unable to attend class, you must email me **before** that class takes place and bring a **verifiable excuse** later.

– 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:

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- In addition your grade may be raised by a strong performance on the final exam (normally at most one letter grade).

**Tips:**

- Help is available in the Math Learning Lab (HBB 202); M–Th, 9:00 AM – 8:00 PM, F 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. It is closed during official UAB holidays and breaks. Limited hours are available during final exams.
- Past exams given in Calculus I are posted on the math dept website [www.math.uab.edu](http://www.math.uab.edu) for student practice. Click on **Calculus Testbank** under the **Student Resources** link.
- 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](http://www.webassign.net) and click on **I HAVE A CLASS KEY** in the **signin** link.
2. Enter the following course key for MA 125 – OA, 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM:
   - uab 5500 9594
   and proceed. (If prompted for your institution, enter *uab*)
3. When prompted to purchase an access code, select **“...trial period”** (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.) **If you already have an active WebAssign account associated with this edition of the textbook, you may simply add this course to your account by using the above Course Key.**
4. After your first registration, you can sign in as returning user.
5. Should you run into technical problems Enhanced WebAssign provides technical support online and/or by phone.
   - [https://webassign.com/support/student-support/](https://webassign.com/support/student-support/)
   - 1-800-955-8275, option 1

- Review for Chapter 1: 1.1 – 1.2.
- Chapter 1: 1.3 – 1.6.
- Chapter 2: 2.1 – 2.5, 2.6 (lightly), and 2.8.
- Chapter 3: 3.1 – 3.7.
- Chapter 4: 4.1 – 4.5.
- Chapter 5: 5.1 – 5.3