

# UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

## COURSE SYLLABUS FOR MA125-8BA

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### Instructor Information

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**Preferred Methods of Contact**

Email is the preferred method of contact if you have questions. Please expect a response within 24 hours on weekdays and a slower response on weekends (OR Emails received after 5 pm on Friday will be returned Monday). Include MA125-8BA in the subject line of your email for a faster response. I am available to meet with you virtually via Zoom by appointment during my virtual office hours (see below for my scheduled virtual office hours); the details concerning Zoom will be conveyed to you by email after you contact me.

**Virtual Office Hours**

Tuesday, Thursday 4–5 PM (or by appointment)

**Instructional Method**

**Remote:** This class will be conducted as remote teaching and learning via Zoom. Students should be available on the days and hours listed in the Class Schedule. There will be a significant amount of learning activities outside the scheduled class meeting time. The course is organized with the help of Canvas Learning Management System, where you will interact with your classmates and your instructor.

**Teaching Time Zone**

Central Time U.S.

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### UAB Policies and Resources:

**Add/Drop and Course Withdrawal**

- Drop/Add: Deadlines for adding, dropping, or withdrawing from a course and for paying tuition are published in the Academic Calendar available online. Review the Institutional Refund Policy for information on refunds for dropped courses.

- **Withdrawal: To avoid academic penalty, a student must withdraw from a course by the withdrawal deadline shown in the academic calendar and receive a grade of W (withdrawn). Failure to attend class does not constitute a formal drop or withdrawal.**

### **UAB United: Safe Entry to Campus**

Please go to the UAB United website for guidance and resources related to our safe entry to campus in Fall 2020, including information on:

- Testing
- Academic resources and in-depth information
- Student Affairs resources to support all students (housing, dining, extracurricular activities, parking, etc.)
- Health and safety resources and recommendations for on and off-campus
- Information for graduate students, School of Medicine students, Post-Docs and International Students

All students should use the Student COVID-19 Entry Checklist to see what they have to do in order to enter the campus safely. Non-compliance with the required items will result in students not being able to remain on campus or participate in any in-person classes, meetings, jobs, extracurricular activities, and events.

### **Misconduct**

- Academic Honor Code  
<https://www.uab.edu/students/one-stop/policies/academic-honor-code>
- Non-Academic Student Code of Conduct  
<https://www.uab.edu/students/conduct/>

### **DSS Accessibility Statement**

**Accessible Learning:** UAB is committed to providing an accessible learning experience for all students. If you are a student with a disability that qualifies under Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and you require accommodations, please contact Disability Support Services for information on accommodations, registration and procedures. Requests for reasonable accommodations involve an interactive process and consist of a collaborative effort among the student, DSS, faculty and staff. If you are registered with Disability Support Services, please contact DSS to discuss accommodations that may be necessary in this course. If you have a disability but have not contacted Disability Support Services, please call (205) 934-4205, visit their website or their office located in Hill Student Center Suite 409. You can also contact them by email at [dss@uab.edu](mailto:dss@uab.edu),

**COVID-19 Adjustments for Students:** This course is completely remote. The following policy on adjustments is not directly related to our class, and is for information.

UAB Disability Support Services (DSS) has established a process for UAB students to request temporary adjustments based on the impact of COVID-19. The process is similar to the traditional DSS registration procedures for accommodations based on disability. However, these requests will be referred to as "COVID-19 Related Temporary Adjustments". On the DSS website, there is a section (next to the traditional DSS application process) titled "Request COVID-19 Temporary Adjustments" where students can read the process and click to complete an application.

On the application, the student must complete an attestation and identify which of the following category(s) applies to their situation. Students will be allowed to submit documentation to support their requests.

- I am 65 or older
- My medical provider has determined that I am an individual who is considered high risk according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- I care for or reside with an individual who has been determined to be high risk according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- I have tested positive for COVID-19
- I am requesting adjustments for another reason

Any questions regarding this process should be referred directly to [dss@uab.edu](mailto:dss@uab.edu). For qualifying students, DSS staff will create a Notification of Temporary Adjustment Letter (PDF format) which will be provided to students. Students will share this letter, as needed, with instructors to request adjustments.

### **Title IX Statement**

The University of Alabama at Birmingham is committed to providing an environment that is free from sexual misconduct, which includes gender-based assault, harassment, exploitation, dating and domestic violence, stalking, as well as discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. If you have experienced any of the aforementioned conduct we encourage you to report the incident. UAB provides several avenues for reporting. For more information about Title IX, policy, reporting, protections, resources and supports, please visit UAB Title IX webpage for UAB's Title IX, UAB's Equal Opportunity, Anti-Harassment, Duty to Report, and Non-Retaliation policies.

### **Mandatory Masks and Social Distancing Requirements**

In accordance with CDC guidelines and for the health and wellbeing of all faculty, staff and students. Students, faculty and staff are required to wear cloth face coverings or face masks at all times and maintain social distancing (6 feet between individuals in traditional classrooms, or, in instructional laboratories and similar settings) while on the UAB campus. Instructors have the right to ask those who are not complying with these requirements to leave class in the interest of everyone's health and safety. In the event that a student refuses to comply with these requirements, the instructor has the right to cancel class.

Additionally, following other simple practices will promote good health in and out of the classroom, such as frequent and thorough hand washing, wiping down desks and seats with

disinfectant wipes whenever possible, not sharing personal items such as pens and cell phones, and avoiding crowded areas and other enclosed spaces.

The UAB Blazer community views the adoption of these mandatory guidelines as a mark of good citizenship and respectful care of fellow classmates, faculty, and staff. Please visit the UAB United website for further information.

Food may not be consumed during class times in classrooms, but bottled water is permissible.

### **GuideSafe Event Passport Class Requirement**

Faculty are required to verify all students who are present for in-person instruction have a current Event Passport.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an extraordinary situation requiring significant measures to create a safe educational community. UAB is using GuideSafe<sup>TM</sup> Event Passport to facilitate access to classrooms, meetings, events, or facilities having ten or more people. Attendees, including faculty, staff, and students, will complete UAB Healthcheck, a COVID-19 assessment tool, prior to entering their event. An Event Passport is issued based factors from your daily risk level as assigned by the UAB Healthcheck. After you have completed Healthcheck, press the “Passport” button to get your passport. This passport is good for 24 hours. Remember your passport number to access your passport later in the day. Each user is assigned a unique passport number indicating their status for the upcoming event that will show a “Clear” (Green) screen or “Not Clear” (Red) screen. After the 24-hour passport has expired, you will need to complete Healthcheck again. Each passport will have a time and date to ensure validity. Learn more at UAB GuideSafe Event Passport.

## **Course Information**

**Course number and title:** Calculus I, MA 125–8BA, 51929, Fall 2020

Department of Mathematics, University of Alabama at Birmingham

**Meeting times:** Tue & Thu, 2:00 pm–3:50 pm

**Meeting location:** by Zoom

**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

**Textbook:** *Essential Calculus — second edition* by James Stewart, Thomson-Brooks/Cole, 2013, 2007; ISBN-13: 978-1-133-11229-7. Topics to be covered: Chapters 1 — 5.3.

### **Important dates**

**First day of classes:** August 24, 2020

**Last day to drop without paying full tuition:** August 31, 2020

**Labor Day Holiday:** September 7, 2020

**Fall/Thanksgiving Break:** November 23–November 29, 2020

**Last day to withdraw with a “W”:** December 4, 2020

**Last day of class:** December 4, 2020

**Major exams (tests):** Test I: near Tuesday, September 22; Sec. 1.1–1.6, 2.1–2.4;  
 Test II: near Thursday, October 15; Sec. 2.5, 2.8, 3.1–3.5;  
 Test III: near Thursday, November 5; Sec. 3.7, 4.1–4.5;  
 Test IV: near Thursday, November 19, Sec. 3.6, 5.1–5.3.

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

**Final exam:** Wednesday, December 9, 2020, 1:30–4 PM (ZOOM)

**NOTE DATE AND TIME OF FINAL EXAM!!**

### 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.
- The two lowest quiz grades and the five 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 a serious verifiable circumstance or official university business, the test grade will be replaced with the final exam score. Otherwise, if you miss an exam you will receive a zero score for this exam. In the unlikely event when two or more midterm tests are missed due to a serious verifiable circumstance or official university business, the matter will be resolved on the case by case basis in cooperation between the student, the instructor, and the coordinator of Calculus I classes. In any case you **must** inform 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 and 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** (usually due on Tuesdays before class). 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. Homework contributes 7% 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 7% to the course average.
- **Four in class tests.** Partial credit is awarded where appropriate. Each test contributes 14% to the course average.
- **A 150-minute comprehensive final examination.** 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 may be raised by a strong performance on the final exam (normally at most one letter grade).
- **MA125 CLASSES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PASS/FAIL GRADING.**

### Tips

- Past tests are available at <http://www.uab.edu/cas/mathematics/calculus-testbank>.
- 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 *signing* link.
- (2) Enter the following course key:

**uab 3580 1174**

and proceed. (If prompted for your institution, enter *uab*)

- (3) When prompted to purchase an access code, select “... **trial period**” (Do not purchase 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. Considering buying options, you may also want to look at <https://www.cengage.com/unlimited/>)
- (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.

### **Sections to be covered**

*Essential Calculus, second edition* by James Stewart, Thomson-Brooks/Cole, 2013, 2007, ISBN-13: 978-1-133-11229-7.

- 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.