

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
**CALCULUS I**  
**MA 125–8B, 51924**  
**FALL 2021**

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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**Meeting times:** T Th, 2:00–3:50 PM

**Meeting location:** UH 2005

**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.

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**Important dates:**

**First day of classes:** August 23, 2021

**Labor Day Holiday:** Monday, September 6, 2021

**Last day to drop without paying full tuition:** August 30, 2021

**Last day to withdraw with a “W”:** October 15, 2021

**Fall/Thanksgiving Break:** November 22–November 28, 2021

**Last day of class:** December 3, 2021

**Major exams (tests):** Test I: near Monday, September 20; Sec. 1.1–1.6, 2.1–2.4;  
Test II: near Wednesday, October 13; Sec. 2.5, 2.8, 3.1–3.5;  
Test III: near Wednesday, November 3; Sec. 3.7, 4.1–4.5;  
Test IV: near Thursday, November 18, Sec. 3.6, 5.1–5.3.

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

**Final exam:** Wednesday, December 08, 2021, 1:30–4 PM (Location to be announced.)

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

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*Date:* August 17, 2021.

**Course policies:**

- **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE STUDENTS MUST BE WEARING MASKS AND MAINTAIN SAFE DISTANCE!**
- 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 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).
- The University of Alabama at Birmingham expects all members of its academic community to function according to the highest ethical and professional standards. It will be important that you review and become familiar with the University's Academic Integrity Code.

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**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.** 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 4% 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 and projects contribute 8% to the course average.
- **Four in class tests.** Partial credit is awarded where appropriate. Each test contributes 13% to the course average.
- **Attendance.** Your attendance will contribute 3% of your final grade. It will be computed out of 75% of the overall number of days of classes. In other words, if you attend 75% of the time or more, you will get 3% of your grade.
- **A 150-minute comprehensive final examination.** The final contributes 33% 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 (normally at most one letter grade).

**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 3357 8596**

- 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.

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**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.