

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**  
**INTRO TO LINEAR ALGEBRA (HON)**  
**MA 260-2B**  
**FALL 2023**

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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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 morning). Include course number 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).

**Office Hours:** TBA

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**Course Info**

**Meeting times:** Tue/Thu, 9:30 AM -10:45 AM

**Meeting location:** HHB 221

**Required Textbook:** *Elementary Linear Algebra, Applications Version* 12th Edition by Howard Anton and Chris Rorres, 2014, Sections: 1.1-1.8, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.3, 4.1-4.7, 5.1-5.2, 7.1-7.2

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**Important Dates**

**First day of our class:** August 22, 2023

**Labor Holiday:** September 4, 2023

**Last day to drop without paying full tuition:** August 28, 2023

**Fall/Thanksgiving Break:** November 20 – November 24, 2023

**Last day of our class:** November 30, 2023

**Midterm Dates:** September 28, 2023 and November 9, 2023

**Final Exam Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2023

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**Course Policies**

- Please make sure that you are able to receive e-mail through your Blazer-ID account.
- If your are contacted by the Early Alert Program, you should consider taking advantage of the services it offers.
- If you wish to request a disability accommodation please contact DSS at 934-4205 or at [dss@uab.edu](mailto:dss@uab.edu).

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linear systems, gaussian elimination, determinants, vector spaces, eigenvalues and eigenvectors, diagonalization, singular value decomposition, and applications in image compression, graph theory, population dynamics and computer graphics

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## Course Content

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- Linear Equations: Gaussian Elimination
  - Matrices: Matrix Operations and Properties, Invertible Matrices and Inverses
  - Determinants: Cofactor Expansion, row Reduction, Cramer's Rule
  - Euclidean Vector Spaces: Vectors, Norm, Dot Product and Distance, Orthogonality
  - General Vector Space: Real Vector Spaces, Subspaces, Linear Independence, Basis, Dimension
  - Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors
  - Diagonalization: Symmetric Matrices, Orthogonal Diagonalization
  - Selected Additional Topics: Singular Value Decomposition and Applications in Image Analysis, Graph Theory, Biology
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## Class Management via Canvas

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- Homework problems will be posted in canvas (<http://www.uab.edu/online/canvas>). Other class materials (class announcements, codes, grades and etc.) will be posted in canvas. Students should log in to canvas at least once a day! (I prefer to receive emails via canvas.)
  - Homework assignments, projects and activities will only be collected on canvas.
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## Assessment Procedures

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- Student achievement will be assessed by the following measures:
  - **Weekly class activity.** Class activity will be due weekly. There will be no extension of deadlines for any reason. Class activity contributes 10% to the course average.
  - **Weekly homework.** Homework will be due weekly. There will be no extension of deadlines for any reason. Homework contributes 15% to the course average.
  - **Project.** The project contributes 10% to the course average
  - **Midterm exam.** There will be two midterm exam. Each midterm exam contributes 17.5% to the course average.
  - **Final exam.** The final exam contributes 30% to the course average.

Grading Scheme: 25% class activity/homework, 35% midterm exams, 10% project, 30% final exam

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- 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

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## UAB Policies and Resources

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- 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 (<https://www.uab.edu/students/disability/>), or their office located in Hill Student Center Suite 409.

- Title IX Statement

The University of Alabama at Birmingham's 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 (<https://www.uab.edu/titleix/>) for UAB's Title IX, UAB's Equal Opportunity, Anti-Harassment, Duty to Report, and Non-Retaliation policies.

### Academic Honor Code

The University of Alabama at Birmingham expects all members of its academic community to function according to the highest ethical and professional standards. Academic misconduct undermines the purpose of education. Such behavior is a serious violation of the trust that must exist among faculty and students for a university to nurture intellectual growth and development. Academic dishonesty and misconduct includes, but is not limited to, acts of abetting, cheating, plagiarism, fabrication, and misrepresentation. Candidates are expected to honor the UAB Academic Honor Code as detailed in the most current UAB Student Catalog. Please consult this resource (<https://www.uab.edu/students/one-stop/policies/academic-honor-code>) for additional information regarding the specific procedures to be undertaken when a student violates the UAB Academic Honor Code.

### Non-harassment, Hostile Work/Class Environment

The UAB College of Arts and Sciences expects students to treat fellow students, their Course Instructors, other UAB faculty, and staff as adults and with respect. No form of hostile environment or harassment will be tolerated by any student or employee.