COURSE DESCRIPTION
COMPLEX ANALYTIC DYNAMICS
MA 772-1
SUMMER 2021

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM

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Meeting times: TR 12:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Meeting location: UH 4002

Important dates:
First day of class: June 8, 2020,
Tentative test dates:
Test I: near Tuesday, July 13, 2020;
Final exam: Thursday, August 12, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Syllabus
Review of complex analysis.
Local fixed point theory.
Global theory of complex dynamical systems.
Structure of the Fatou and Julia sets for polynomials and rational functions.
Structure of the Mandelbrot set.

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.

Methods of teaching and learning:
• Class meetings of 120 minutes consisting of discussions of the class material as well as examples and homework problems.
• Students are expected to undertake at least 10 hours of private study and homework per week.

Assessment procedures:
• Student achievement will be assessed by the following measures:
  – **Class presentations.** Presenting homework problems in class will count as 30% towards the final grade.
  – **Midterm** Midterm test contributes 30% to the course average.
  – **A 150-minute comprehensive final examination.** The final contributes 40% 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 maybe raised by a strong performance on the final exam (normally at most one letter grade).