

COURSE DESCRIPTION
CALCULUS OF SEVERAL VARIABLES
MA 642-OQ
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Office Hours Drop in anytime via Zoom or e-mail for an appointment

Meeting times MWF 11:20 am – 12:40 pm

Meeting location UH 4002

Prerequisite Grade of B or better in MA 541 or equivalent

Credits 3 semester hours

Textbook No textbook required. Lecture notes will be provided.

Canvas <https://www.uab.edu/elearning/canvas/>

Important dates:

First day of classes June 1

Last day to Drop/Add June 8

Juneteenth Holiday June 19

Independence Day Holiday July 3

Last day of classes August 7

Final Exam Day August 10 (10:45 am – 1:15 pm)

Grades available online August 19

Course content:

- Limits and continuity
 - Differentiation
 - The multi-dimensional Riemann integral
 - Integration of differential forms
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Aims of the course:

The course aims for students to attain *conceptual understanding* and *procedural fluency* with regard to the calculus of several variables. *Conceptual understanding* is demonstrated by the ability to explain in detail the proofs of many of the standard theorems. *Procedural fluency* is demonstrated by exercising routine tasks in an assured and timely fashion. The course also emphasizes *critical thinking* and *communication skills*, both written and verbal.

Date: May 12, 2026.

Methods of teaching and learning:

- 28 class meetings of 80 minutes with presentations by the students.
- A significant time commitment (certainly more than class time) is to be expected.
- Working in groups is encouraged but not required.

Assessment procedures: There are no quizzes or tests. Neither is there a Final Exam. Points are earned through presentations of topics from the lecture notes according to the following rules:

- (1) The correct presentation of a topic will earn 10 points. It is advised to write out the proof on paper beforehand. You may use help freely when devising your proofs but you should first try to think of a solution yourself.
- (2) The audience (including the instructor) may challenge a statement made in the course of a proof at any point.
- (3) If the presenter is able to defend the challenged statement, he or she proceeds; if not, the presenter must sit down earning no points for this problem and losing the right to present again that day. The challenger may then present his or her solution to the topic at hand.
- (4) The successor of a presenter will be chosen as the student with the smallest number of points among the volunteers taking into account the modification by rules (3) and (5). A random choice is made, if necessary.
- (5) You may volunteer for a particular topic by an e-mail to me. This (in the order received) establishes priority among volunteers with the same number of points.
- (6) You must give credit where credit is due, i.e., during your presentation you must declare the points at which you had help and by whom.
- (7) It is also possible to report joint work with one or two collaborators. In such a case 4 points will be earned for the presentation while the other 6 points are evenly distributed among the collaborative (including the presenter).
- (8) Class attendance and participation is required. Absences from class are recorded. After 3 absences from class 10 points will be subtracted from your score and the count of absences is set again to zero.

Letter grades: If we cover all material of the lecture notes, the student with the highest score S will receive an A. An A, B, or C is earned by anyone who has at least 90%, 70%, or 50% of S , respectively. Should we fall short of covering all material the highest score will earn a B.

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