

Stat 311: Exams, Quizzes, Homework and Grading

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During Exams:

Exams are closed book. You are allowed one twosided 8.5×11 inch sheet for crib notes during exams, no electronic devices, except a calculator for calculations only! However, I will strive to make calculators unnecessary (and may thus rule them out, too).

Grading Procedure:

The grades are based on a weighted average of normalized scores (scale from 0 to 100) from the midterm (20%), the final (40%), homework (20%), and two quizzes (10% each). The final score is calculated as

$$0.4 \times \text{Final} + 0.2 \times \text{MT} + 0.1 \times \text{Quiz}_1 + 0.1 \times \text{Quiz}_2 + 0.2 \times \text{HW}$$

Homework is due in hardcopy form (preferably printed, or written cleanly) by the time of your quiz section on Thursdays. Late assignments are not accepted.

Handling of Missed Exams/Quizzes:

In the following, to “miss” an exam or quiz requires advance notification of your upcoming absence with an acceptable, legitimate reason. (According to University policy, the only valid reasons for missing an exam are serious illness, death in the immediate family, and religious obligations provided prior notice is given.) This notification (to your teaching assistant) must be by email (or by phone message if necessary) and must be done BEFORE the exam or quiz begins. Documentation may be required following your absence. Failure to give advance notification or to produce sufficient documentation upon request will result in your exam or quiz score being zero. If you earn a zero on the final exam, then your course grade will be zero. If you miss the Final exam, then you either earn a course grade 0.0 (if inadequate or no excuse, instructor not notified in advance, or not qualify for Incomplete) or Incomplete (if you qualify).

If you miss the Midterm, then the Midterm exam score is calculated by prorating your other scores and using a 10% penalty. For example, if your Final, HW and Quiz scores are all normalized to a scale from 0 to 100, then the estimated (missed) midterm score is calculated as

$$0.9 \times \left(\frac{0.4}{0.8} \times \text{Final} + \frac{0.1}{0.8} \times \text{Quiz}_1 + \frac{0.1}{0.8} \times \text{Quiz}_2 + \frac{0.2}{0.8} \times \text{HW} \right)$$

Thus, if all your other scores are a perfect 100, you would get a normalized score of 90 for the missed midterm and your final score would be: $40 + 18 + 10 + 10 + 20 = 98$ out of a 100. Similar prorating takes place for a missed quiz. If you miss several of these, the one more highly weighted (MT) is prorated and the others are set to zero.

Regrades:

All requests for regrades must be made in writing, on a note attached to what it is that the student wants regraded. All requests for regrades must be made within three working days. Requests for an extra point or an extra half point will not be considered. Verbal requests for regrades will not be considered.