CS499 – Grading Policy – Spring 2014

Your grade for this course will be determined by the grading scale shown below at the bottom of this document.

There is a total of 1,000 points maximum that will determine your overall grade. The following are evaluation areas that will contribute to your grade:

- (500 pts) Project Completion and Software Quality
  - Your grade on this portion will be determined by how well your software/project meets the requirements and specifications, how satisfied are your clients with the produced software/project, and the quality of the software/project produced. Clients are both myself and the people for whom you are developing the software.

- (3 x 100 pts) Three separate phases of the SD, ending with a team presentation for each phase
  - During the semester, we will separate our project development into three phases.
    - The first phase includes a production of the specification document, including a presentation of the work accomplished (completed).
    - The second phase will end on March 14th, 2014, with each team presenting their progress thus far. Depending on the exact SDLC model used, the design and the bulk of the implementation should be accomplished by this point.
    - The third phase will end the last week of the semester, with each team presenting their final, completed project. We will arrange to have your clients present during the presentation.
- (100 pts) Teamwork
  - An important part of any team software project is working with other members and team coordination. Each team will have a different project coordinator for a while as discussed in class, so that all team members can gain experience in coordinating and leading team projects. This portion of your grade will be partially based on my observations of the teamwork, as well as anonymous team member evaluations that will be conducted towards the end of the semester.
- (100 pts) Overall Effectiveness
  - This portion of your grade will be determined by the instructor, based on the work a team member accomplishes through the semester. The instructor shall have a substantial work experience in the real-world situations in order to be able to determine a team member's effectiveness with respect to the project development and completion.

In addition, as we discussed at the beginning of the semester, I reserve the rights to alter the grading scale above in case there are 'firing offenses', such as not submitting

your work on time or submitting a work of poor quality, subordination, and act that are detrimental to your team and to your project, just to name a few.

The weekly team reports will be a tool to help not only a team member stay on track, but also for the instructor to track the progress of the teams and the individual team members. Not submitting these weekly reports by the specified date/time is a 'firing offense'. The weekly reports will help better determine your grade for each area above that contributes to your grade.

Grades will be assigned using the following scale:

92% and above	A		71% - 74%	C
88% - 91%	A-		68% - 70%	C-
85% - 87%	B+		65% - 67%	D+
81% - 84%	B		61% - 64%	D
78% - 80%	B-		58% - 60%	D-
75% - 77%	C+		57% and below	F

I reserve the right to adjust (lower) the scale to utilize gaps in the distribution, but this will be done minimally if at all. The class attendance policy and 'firing offenses' may also affect your course grade.