

14.310x: Homework and Grading Policy

Overall edX Course Grade:

The cutoff to pass the online class will be a final grade of 50%. The grades for the online class are explained below:

- Homework Assignments: **45%**
- Fingers Exercises: **30%**
- Online Final Exam: **25%**

Students who are taking this course in pursuit of the **MicroMasters credential** will also have to sit and pass an in-person proctored exam. To be eligible to register for the proctored exam, you first have to pass the online component of the course on edX as outlined above. The grades for the final MicroMasters course are explained below:

MicroMasters Course Grade:

- edX Course: **40%**
- Proctored Exam: **60%**

Homework:

- **Your lowest two homework assignments will be dropped.** We want you to succeed on your homework and in this course. Therefore, we want you to focus on the course content and learning. To this end, if learners complete the course and put in full effort, we will drop your 2 lowest homework grades.

Finger Exercises:

- **Your lowest three lecture sequence finger exercises will be dropped.** In order to facilitate engagement and learning while watching lectures, we hope that students will score very well on the FEs placed throughout the lectures. However, we understand that some questions are harder than others and since our focus is facilitate engagement, if you put in the effort to answer FE questions, we will drop the three lowest FE lecture sequences.

Online Final Exam:

- The final exam will be multiple choice and will span content from the entire course. The final exam will be worth 25% of your final edX course grade.

Assignment Completion Policies:

- **Due Date: The deadline to submit assignments is 23:30 UTC on the Monday after the material has been released.** Our deadlines are strict. All release dates, due dates, etc. will automatically be converted to your preferred time zone rather than UTC time. However, if you do not set your preferred time zone the deadlines will remain in UTC. It is your responsibility to set your preferred time zone or make time zone conversions and submit assignments by the deadline. You will have a full week to complete each assignment and budget your time accordingly for the due date.
- **Extensions: Extensions will not be given.** As mentioned above, it is each learner's responsibility to submit homework on time and budget accordingly for time zone differences. The course progresses at a certain pace, and it would not be fair to give extensions. Due to limitations of the platform, the course team does not have the ability to extend the deadline for individual students. Please try to submit assignments by the deadline each week.
- **Solutions: All solutions will be posted after the due date.** Solutions to the finger exercises will be made available after you have used all of the question attempts, whether or not you have entered the correct answer. Solutions to the homework will be available if you

enter the correct answer and if not, will be posted after the deadline has passed. Our goal is for you to learn as much as possible! If you are here to learn and enjoy the course, please take the time to review your answers. Even if you did not finish the homework, please look at the questions, attempt them, and then look at the solutions to make sure you understand the concepts.