

# Grading Policy for Ms. Pluska's AP Computer Science A Class Semester 1

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Ticket out the Door. 10% of your semester grade will come from Ticket out the Door problems.

The content in this course will be introduced using an interactive lecture format. To help ensure you are staying on task and help me better guide your learning, you will be expected to complete practice problems throughout the lecture. The practice problems will be collected at the end of each lecture.

- If you are absent the day of the lecture, you must complete the Ticket out the Door problems outside of class
- All Ticket out the Door problems must be completed *two weeks before the end of the semester*

Exams. 25% of your semester grade will come from In-Class Exams.

There will be a free response exam every Thursday. The content that appears on each exam will come directly from the previous week's labs and reviews. *The problems that appear on the exam will be strikingly similar to those that appear in the activities and the preceding review.*

- If you are present the day of the exam, you must take the exam. The only exception to this is if you have been absent two or more consecutive days prior to the exam.
- Notes will not be allowed on exams.
- Phones will not be allowed during exams.

## Makeup Policy

All missed exams must be made up *two weeks before the end of the semester*. AP Exam Reviews 1 through 3 are exempt from this policy. AP Exam Reviews 1 through 3 must be made up prior to the scheduled AP Exam.

## Retake Policy

You may retake any individual exam. The highest grade received will count towards the calculation of your grade. The policy for retake exams is as follows:

- Prior to retaking an exam, you must complete corrections on the exam you would like to retake. You will receive half points back on the exam for completing corrections. To receive points back on an exam you must:
  - o Complete corrections within two weeks of the assigned exam.
  - o Complete corrections during Ms. Pluska's SFIT time
  - o Complete corrections on a separate sheet of paper and secure the corrections to the original exam.
  - o Submit your corrections and the original exam to the "Needs to be graded" folder.
- Prior to retaking an exam, you must be up-to-date on all the labs and Ticket out the Door problems associated with the content.

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- If the above requirements have been met, you may retake an exam during Ms. Pluska's SFIT time.
- All retakes must be completed *two weeks before the end of the semester*. AP Exam Reviews 1 through 3 are exempt from this policy. Retakes on AP Exam Reviews 1 through 3 must be completed prior to the scheduled AP Computer Science Exam.

## Group Exams

Each individual exam given will be preceded by a group exam. The purpose of the group exam is to provide you the opportunity to discuss concepts with peers and resolve areas of misunderstanding prior to taking the individual exam. As a group member you are expected to contribute respectfully and intellectually to this effort. If you do not contribute or exhibit disrespectful behavior towards other members of your group, you will not receive credit for the group exam.

- Group exams cannot be made up. If you miss a group exam, you will be exempted from making it up.
- Exam retakes cannot be completed on group exams.
- If your score on the individual exam is higher than your group exam, your individual exam score will replace your group exam score.

Labs. 25% of your semester grade will come from Programming labs.

Programming is a collaborative effort and all labs will consist of a group and individual component. If you do not participate or complete the group component, you will be exempted from this portion, however you are responsible for completing the individual component during the allotted class time. If you are unable to complete the individual component during this allotted time, it is expected that you will work outside of class to do so.

- There is no late penalty for submitting labs
- All labs must be completed *two weeks before the end of the semester*

Projects. 25% of your semester grade will be based on projects.

Projects will require you to integrate the skills you have learned into meaningful programming applications. We will complete one project each quarter.

- While you are encouraged to work with peers and consult Internet resources, the project you submit must reflect your individual effort. No credit will be given for code that is identical and/or strikingly similar to another student.
- Only projects that are submitted by the assigned due date may be resubmitted for full or partial credit. *Resubmitted projects must be received two weeks before the end of the quarter during which they were assigned.*
- Late projects will be penalized 10% for each week late (up to 50%)
- You may not resubmitted late projects

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End of Course Exam. 15% of your semester grade will be based on the End of Course Exam.

The end of course exam will reflect the AP Exam format and will include a mix of both multiple choice and free response problems.

## Grade Calculation

All work submitted will be graded on a five point scale (the conversion from the earned percentage to the five point scale is given below). Depending on their importance, some assignments will be weighted more than others. For example, the AP Exam reviews 1 through 3 will each be weighted 5 times. A score of 3.0 out of 5.0 would therefore be the equivalent of 15 out of 25 in the gradebook.

| <b>Assignment Percent</b> | <b>5-point scale</b> | <b>IC Percent</b> | <b>Grade</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 100+                      | 5.00                 | 100               | A            |
| >=95                      | 4.50                 | 95                | A            |
| >=90                      | 4.00                 | 90                | A            |
| >=85                      | 3.50                 | 85                | B            |
| >=80                      | 3.00                 | 80                | B            |
| >=75                      | 2.50                 | 75                | C            |
| >=70                      | 2.00                 | 70                | C            |
| >=65                      | 1.50                 | 65                | D            |
| >=60                      | 1.00                 | 60                | D            |
| >=55                      | 0.50                 | 55                | F            |
| <50                       | 0                    | 50                | F            |