Grading

Your final course grade will be calculated based on points earned on class participation, assignments and exams, according to the following weights:

- Final Exam: 30%
- Prelims: 30% (15% each)
- Assignments: 38%
- Class participation: 2% (1% surveys, 1% iClicker)
- Labs are factored in as described below, but do not have a fixed weight per se.

There will be 7 assignments. The weights will be **approximately**

- A1: 4%
- A2: 3%
- A3: 5%
- A4: 5%
- A5: 3%
- A6: 9%
- A7: 9%

we reserve the right to tweak these slightly as the semester progresses.

iClickers

You must use a physical iClicker. ~~The app is the bane of my existence.~~ The app is not supported.

Your participation via iClickers factors into your semester grade. Typically, answering 1 question for a given day will give you a majority of the points for the day. There will often be a question at the very start of class. **We will drop your lowest 6 iClicker scores.** We will *not* manually adjust your clicker score; if we do, the grade will simply be overwritten again the next time we sync the the iClicker gradebook to Canvas. Unexpected events are a common occurence in class this large. So if you are late to class, must leave early, your car battery dies, you are at a sports competition, you were in the bathroom for a question, you are feeling ill, you have to quarantine, you forget/misplace your iClicker, *etc.* we ask that you trust the leniency baked into the system and know that it really will not matter if you are otherwise regularly attending class. Each missed class beyond the 6 that we drop is worth far less than any other course component. So it is quite unlikely that missing a few more than 6 classes would affect your final grade in the class. Yet, if you believe this is the case due to a significant number of unavoidable absences, please email **cs1110-prof@cornell.edu (mailto:cs1110-prof@cornell.edu)** in early May and tell us about your circumstances. We are happy to look into your situation in May and take your special circumstances into consideration when assigning final grades.

Labs

We consult your lab check-in rates. **Up to three labs** may be dropped; more than that, and we reserve the right to reduce your course grade by the equivalent of a "level" (e.g., from B to B-).

We typically do not give out any A+s. We aim to make our assignments and exams challenging but accomplishable by students, and we do not believe the distinction between A and A+ is useful in this setting. (We approve of students reporting Cornell GPAs as being out of 4.0.)

S/U Grading Option

Unlike in fall semesters, in spring semesters, *it is possible* to take this course S/U. S/U students do all the same work and take all the exams that letter-grade students do; your S/U grade is computed by converting a C- or above to an S, and a D+ or below to a U.

Please note: Engineering students must take CS 1110 for a letter grade, because the college requires all technical common core curriculum to be taken letter graded. If you are in the College of Engineering, CS 1110 will not count toward graduation if taken S/U.