

Syllabus

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1 Classroom expectations

1.1 What you can expect from me

- I will stay home if I am feeling sick and make arrangements to deliver the course material
- I will work with you to arrange accommodations when you need them
- I will respect your time by starting and ending class on time
- I will answer your questions thoughtfully, and if I don't know the answer, I will follow up in a timely manner
- I will embrace who you are as whole people
- I will model respect, openness, and engagement, and foster a supportive and inclusive environment
- I will be honest when I make mistakes, because failure is part of growing

1.2 What I expect from you

- That you will stay home if you are sick and contact me via email to arrange accommodations
- That you genuinely attempt to engage with the course
- That you ask questions if you are confused (you may do this privately – there is no obligation to ask during class hours)
- That you communicate with me when you have problems that interfere with your ability to engage with the coursework
- That you treat your peers with respect and openness, and that you participate in creating an inclusive, supportive, and engaged classroom

1.3 What is not expected

- Perfection. Ever. It's a myth.
- That you will 'sit still' or ask for permission to leave the classroom to go to the bathroom or if you just need a minute. You're adults and I trust you to do what you need to.
- That everyone will learn in the same way. You do not have to match some "model student" to do well in this class

2 Assignments and Grading

Assignments fall into "bundles," which contribute to your grade in specific ways. Your performance on each bundle determines your rough letter grade (full letters). Beyond that, you can achieve grade boosts, which round your grade up, e.g. from a B to a B+, or a B+ to an A-.

You can learn more about each bundle below:

PCQs

WHWs

Final Portfolio

Unit Tests

Problem Projects

2.1 Grading Scheme

2.2 Table of letter grades

Table 1: Letter grades

| Letter grade | Pre-Class Questions (PCQs) | Weekly Homeworks (WHWs) | Portfolio | Unit tests (x3) | Problem projects (x2) |
|--------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| D | Complete 70% | Earn 60% of points | At least M on 4 problems | At least M on 1 | Optional (replaces a grade item) |
| C | Complete 70% | Earn 60% of points | At least M on 6 problems | At least M on 2 | Optional (replaces a grade item) |