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Exams, Hwks, Projects, etc.

Refer to the course schedule for when midterms, hwks, etc. are scheduled

Midterm: 15% (see schedule posted on piazza for date)

Class Participation: 7.5% - in class discussions, pop quizzes, reading quizzes, etc.

Zybook Activities: 7.5% - The participation and challenge activities for the required reading sections are to be completed before class each day (11am).

Homeworks: 15% - I envision 6 homeworks this semester, three before the midterm and three after the midterm.

Labs: 15% - There are 9 labs. One lab will be due during the lab times each week starting with week 4. Labs checked out within 1 week late receive 75% credit. Labs checked out within 2 weeks of the due date receive 50% credit. No labs will be accepted more than 2 weeks late.

Project: 20% There will be a semester long course project done in groups of 2 to 4 people, see piazza posts for more details.

Final: 20% Cumulative, with emphasis on the material since the midterm

Failure to complete homeworks, labs, and project deliverables, will result in a very poor grade, even if you do very well on the exams. Notice the exams are only 40% of your grade, and so getting 100% of those points will result in a final course percentage of 40, which is equivalent to an F for the course.

No "extra" work is allowed to make up for poor performance on the assigned work.

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Class Participation

The zybook we are using has participation activities through the sections. Each class period there are sections that should be read and the participation activities completed before coming to class. There may be a quiz at the beginning of class covering the material you should have read and material from previous classes. There will also be questions throughout the class that will utilize the iClicker2 to collect your responses. These questions are meant to help gauge understanding of the material currently being discussed.

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Grading Procedure

Each student will have a Raw Weighted Percentage based on their homework, quiz, and exam scores. This Raw Weighted Percentage will be mean shifted with respect to the upper percentile of the class. The minimum cutoff width that will be used is 10 (resulting in nominal cutoffs for A-B-C-D of 90-80-70-60, respectively).

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Policy on Cheating

The CS Dept. will not tolerate cheating by its students. The MINIMUM penalty for any student found cheating will be to receive an F for the course and to have the event recorded in a department and/or College record. The maximum penalty will be expulsion from the University.

Cheating includes all the following, though this is not a complete list:

Copying or any other form of getting or giving assistance from/to another student during any test, quiz, exam, midterm, etc.

Plagiarism--turning in code that is copied from some other source.

Obtaining solutions to homework by posting to the Internet for assistance, purchasing assistance, obtaining copies of solutions manuals for instructors, and obtaining copies of previous year's homework solutions.

Computer programs: You should feel free to DISCUSS the programs/assignments/projects with other students, but copying (electronically or otherwise) is cheating. For computer programs, if for some reason we cannot determine who copied from whom, we may, at our discretion, give failing grades to both students. It is the responsibility of all engineering and computer science professionals to safeguard their company's "trade secrets." An employee who allows trade secrets to be obtained by competitors will almost certainly be fired.

Some examples (this is not an exhaustive list) of things we expect you to do.

YOU are responsible for making sure that your Unix directories have permissions set so that only you can read your files.

YOU are responsible for being sure to log out at the end of working in the computer lab.

YOU should NOT give copies of your solutions to other students for them to look at.

Students suspected of violating the [Guidelines for Academic Integrity](#) will be reported to the Dean of Students as detailed in the [Student Disciplinary Policy](#).

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Class Etiquette

Please be courteous to the other students enrolled in the class and make every attempt to arrive on time for class. If you are more than **10** minutes for class, your arrival begins to disturb other students and myself. If you know that you will be late for class, please talk with me and we can make other arrangements (or you can get notes from your classmates).

Please refrain from disrupting class or making noise that is not conducive to the classroom. If you have questions pertaining to classwork, please ask during class or post the question to Piazza as the question (and answer) could benefit the entire class.

It is expected that each student has read the material pertaining to a lecture **BEFORE** coming to class. By reading the material **BEFORE** coming to class this allows you the students to ask questions about the material during class and also participate in meaningful discussions about the material. There will be reading quizzes to help spot check that you are doing the reading.

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Due Dates and Time

Unless otherwise specified, homeworks, labs, and projects are due at the beginning of class on the due date. Assignments turned into any other location than that specified in the assignment will be subject to a 15% penalty. Homeworks and Projects less than 24 hours late will be subject to at least a 15% penalty (it could be

more). Homeworks and Projects submitted later than 24 hours will not be accepted (under certain circumstances late homeworks, projects, labs may be accepted, but the student is required to discuss the problem with Prof. Theys BEFORE the assignment is actually due). A submission is considered late if it is submitted after the time listed in the assignment description.

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Exam/Quiz/Homework Regrade Procedure

Any requests for regrades of homework, quizzes, or exams must be submitted via email to Prof. Theys within one week from the day the grade is posted in blackboard. The request should include specifically what should be regraded and why. The entire assignment or exam may be regraded. So although you may get more points on the problems with mistakes you caught, you may lose points on problems with mistakes that were not originally noticed.

In addition, it is the student's responsibility to make sure that the scores recorded in blackboard are accurate. The student has one week after the assignment is returned to inform the TA or instructor that a score has been recorded incorrectly.

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