Course Syllabus

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Abstract

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Schedule & Format

- **Professor:** George McNinch <george.mcninch@tufts.edu>
- **Teaching Assistant:** Eoghan O'Keefe.

The class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays.

- There is no required textbook for the course. I will post notes – usually in the form of `jupyter notebooks` on the course web site.

Course Grading & Expectations

You should keep up with the posted material throughout the course!!

Your grade in the course will be based on *problem sets*, *engagement*, two *midterm reports* and a *final report*.

Here are details on these course components:

- *weekly problem sets*,

  Problem sets will be collected weekly on *Fridays* (excluding weeks in which a *report* is collected). Here is the planned collection schedule.

  A total of 10 problem sets will be collected.

  The problems will be posted on the course website, and your solutions will be submitted to [Gradescope] – see these remarks concerning use of gradescope.

- *engagement*

  Each week (beginning in the second week) I'll ask you to make a written submission *on paper*. I'll provide a prompt *in advance*, and you should write a paragraph or two in response and return it in class.

- 2 *midterm reports*
- 1 *final report*

  Note that you will submit a *proposal* for the final report prior to work.

Please refer to the rubric and expectation for further remarks concerning these course components.

Your score in the course will be determined from these grading components by the following (implicit) formula:

Table 1: **Grading**

grade component	percentage
problem sets	50%

grade component	percentage
engagement	10%
midterm reports	20%
final report	20%

Your *letter grade* is then determined from this score using the scheme described at this link.
