

# COMP1021

## Course Arrangements

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**IMPORTANT: Please read the entire page carefully**

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### 1. Background

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- The Provost has made the decision that no more face-to-face activities will be held for the rest of the semester
- Course instructors are encouraged to use alternative arrangements for the course assessments
- For our course, around one-third of our students will not be in Hong Kong for the rest of the semester

### 2. Course Weighting Adjustment

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#### Original Course Weighting (to be replaced)

- Here is the original weighting of the course assessments, which will get replaced by the adjusted scheme:

Assessment	Weight	
	Method 1	Method 2
Programming Assignment 1	15%	
Programming Assignment 2	15%	
Midterm Exam	25%	5%
Final Exam	45%	65%

- As you know, we intended to automatically choose the higher one of method 1 and method 2

## Adjusted Course Weighting

- Considering the situation, we will adjust the course weighting as follows:

Assessment	Weight	
	Method 1	Method 2
Programming Assignment 1	25%	35%
Programming Assignment 2	25%	35%
Midterm Exam	35%	10%
Online Assignment	15%	20%

- We will automatically choose the higher mark of method 1 and method 2

## 3. The New Online Assignment

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- You will need to work on an online assignment during the exam week, as a replacement of the final exam
- The online assignment will be conducted on canvas
- Here is the information of the online assignment:

<b>Release Date (on canvas):</b>	12 Dec 2019 4:30pm
<b>Due Date:</b>	16 Dec 2019 8:00pm
<b>Format:</b>	Canvas online quiz
<b>Content:</b>	Topics from Week 8 to Week 13 of the course

- It is your responsibility to make sure that you can access canvas during that time
- If you do not complete the assignment on time, you will not get any alternative arrangement

## 4. Grading Criteria

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### Letter Grades

- We will assign letter grades based on the adjusted course weighting
- It has been decided by the University that the percentage of grades will be computed with respect to the whole class, including students who opt for P/F grading so this is very helpful if you worry about the grading distribution

## Passing the Course

- You will pass the course if you achieve **over or equal to 40%** using either method 1 or method 2 of the adjusted course assessments

## 5. Your Options

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- Based on the information from the Provost, you can choose between:
  - Continuing with the alternative assessments with the adjusted weighting
  - Requesting for a Pass/Fail grading instead of a letter grade
  - Requesting for late withdrawal

### Requesting for a Pass/Fail Grading

- You can request for a Pass/Fail grading with the approval of the instructor and the department head
- If you are a **Year 1 student**, you need to know full well that choosing this option may have **an adverse effect on your major selection**
  - You have to consult your academic advisor for more information
- If you are not a Year 1 student, you need to make sure that you can achieve the passing criteria ( $\geq 40\%$ ) described above before choosing this option
- Once you are granted the P/F option officially through ARO, you cannot ask for the letter grade option any more

### Requesting for Late Withdrawal

- This request will go through the University rather than the course instructors