

Hi everyone,

This is a gentle reminder about the final exam. The exam is on Thursday, May 7 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm (+20 minute extra time). The exam is a moodle-based exam and it will use the same user interface as mock exam. Plan on taking the exam during that time slot.

The exam covers topics that we studied since the midterm exam. It is not a cumulative exam. See the syllabus and course calendar for topics that we covered since midterm, sections of the textbooks that we covered and practice exercises assigned from those sections. See the exam preparation guidelines that I sent out earlier this week. Pay keen attention to points that I emphasized during the lectures. If you understand all the topics listed in the exam preparation email, you should be ready for the exam.

Guidelines:

1. Do not email me responses to questions on the exam. All responses must be submitted digitally during the exam.
2. If you have any questions or want any clarification on topics that we have covered, don't hesitate to send me an email. You can also ask Rohan, the course SI, during his online office hours. He will be able to respond to more detailed questions, for example those emanating from your missing an entire lecture, since those are likely to take up more time. You may also post questions on the discussion forum in the course Moodle. Your classmates may be able to answer your questions. The forum will be made inactive during the course of the exam.

**THE FORUM MUST ONLY BE USED FOR EXAM-RELATED MATTERS AND NO OTHER PURPOSE.**

3. **ONLY FOR STUDENTS WITH ACCOMMODATION LETTERS FROM ODS:** For students with accommodation letters from ODS (Office of Disability Services), send me an email reminder, no later than Monday, so that I can grant you time and a half on the exam if that accommodation is specified on your disability letter. If you have already done so, there is no need to send me another reminder.
4. Please complete the online evaluation for the course. The Center for assessment and evaluation have already made the link available to you. It was done either via an email link or your MyLSU account. It was nice having everyone this spring. I hope everyone made the best of this abnormal semester. Also, I appreciate all the help that I received from Jesse in grading your work. Grading is time-consuming and is not always a fun activity.
5. All grades posted to Moodle are final after today. See your MyLSU for your course grade when the registrar's office makes them available to you. Your course total that you see on Moodle after the final exam grade is posted is not your official grade. Your official letter grade will likely be higher since there may be an alternate weighting scheme that takes into consideration the performance of the class as a whole. So view your course grade via your MyLSU grade portal.

6. If there are any extenuating circumstances that you need me to consider prior to the exam, inform me no later than Monday, May 4. If I can provide the accommodation I will let you know. If I can't I will refer you to the relevant university authority. Again, inform me no later than Monday unless it is an unforeseeable emergency situation that emerged after Monday. The goal is to potentially handle all such situations before, not after, the final exam.

7. Best of luck on your finals and continue to stay safe!.

---

William E. Duncan, PhD  
School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science  
Louisiana State University  
3270C Patrick F. Taylor Hall, Baton Rouge LA 70803  
Phone: 225-578-eighty-nine forty-one  
Fax: 225-578-fourteen sixty-eight  
Webpage: <https://csc.lsu.edu/~duncan>

---