

RMI 300 Spring 2023
TA Section Syllabus

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TA Sections

Monday	Section	Room	Instructor	Friday	Section	Room	Instructor
12:05pm	301	Grainger 1175	Tyler Welch	9:55am	304	Grainger 2190	Kevin Taheri
1:20pm	302	Grainger 1175		11:00am	305	Grainger 2190	
2:25pm	303	Grainger 1175		12:05pm	306	Grainger 2190	

Objectives and Logistics

- A fundamental goal of RMI 300 is for students to develop an ability to apply course material. Our plan, therefore, is to use TA sections for two purposes: (1) to practice applying the material considered in lecture through assignments, quizzes, and homework; and (2) for students to ask questions about the material. No new material is presented, and the TA sections are optional.
- You will be able to attend three TA sessions (take a quiz, complete at least one in-class exercise, and complete a homework assignment) prior to making your choice of including these activities in your grade or not. That choice must be designated on the sheet (posted on Canvas) and submitted via Canvas by **Friday, February 17, 2023**. The *default (if you do not submit a form) is not to include TA sections* in your grade. We encourage you to attend the TA section and complete assignments even if you do not include the TA section in your grade!

Return of Exams and TA Section Grading

- Exams will be returned **ONLY** in TA sessions.

Whether or not you are including the TA section in your grade, you still ought to attend TA section the week following the exam. Not only will we review your results, but importantly we consider the exam return process as a key learning experience, including through clarification of concepts that appear to be difficult to understand based on exam outcomes, and through discussion of how to think about the material. Both of these outcomes will support better results going forward. The exam questions themselves are not that important, but the way of thinking we try to instill is key.

- Grades for the TA section will be based on quizzes, homework assignments, and in-class activities. We estimate 6-10 of these assignments, and **we will drop your lowest score**. If you opt to include these practice activities in your grade, the average score from the remaining assignments will be factored into your overall course grade as is outlined on the course syllabus.
- TAs will make the best effort to upload graded quizzes or assignment scores on canvas.wisc.edu/courses once quizzes or assignments are graded (usually within a week of quiz/assignment submission). **You are responsible to check the grades online.**
- **There will be NO quizzes or in-class assignments administered outside of TA sections (e.g. during office hours) for any reason.**

Use of Technology

TA sections are designed to provide an opportunity to practice course material. We anticipate that the application of course material will be the most demanding part of the course. In order to derive the maximum benefit from TA sessions, you will need to be 100% mentally present; therefore, **no cellphones are permitted in TA sections.**

Attendance

- *Attendance will not be taken during the TA sessions, but there will be graded quizzes and assignments during them; therefore, you will want to attend.*
- If you have enrolled in a TA section other than your preferred time, please first try to switch at MyUW. If this is not feasible, then please contact your TA to ask if you may switch. Approval is at the discretion of the TAs and depends mostly on the number of available seats in the classroom. Only e-mail request and approval are accepted.

Important TA Section Dates

Date(s)	Remark
January 24	First day of class
January 27, 30	First TA section meeting: TA section logistics and in-class activity
February 17	** LAST DAY TO ADD TA SECTION TO YOUR GRADE
February 24, 27	NO MEETING – following exam
March 3, 6	Exam 1 discussed
March 10, 13, 17, 20	NO MEETINGS – Spring Break
April 7, 10	NO MEETING – following exam
April 14, 17	Exam 2 discussed
April 28, May 1	Final TA section

Conflicts with any exam (including the final) must be communicated by submitting a designated form via Canvas **by February 17, 2023**. The form is available on Canvas. No other mechanism for making up an exam is available. If, however, you become ill or have some other conflict arise after **February 17, 2023**, we will allocate the portion of your grade associated with the exam that you miss to the final.

Office Hours: Each TA will have at least one office hour per week in 2167 Grainger. After we get a sense of the schedule that works best for students, these will be posted on the Canvas homepage. You are welcome to attend anyone's office hours. We will each have additional hours in advance of each exam.