

Organization and Policies

Assignments

- There are five homework sets; all weighted equally. There is no midterm and no final. ***The total credit of the five homework sets is 90 points.***
- There are a number of in-class pop quizzes. ***The total credit for the quizzes is 6 points.***
- There are two **essays for 3 points each.**
- A selected set of students is given the opportunity to present their essay in class ***for a credit of 3 points.***

Final Grade

The final grade is calculated based on the grades of the homework sets (*90 points*) and the ***additional credit*** related to the quizzes, essays and presentations (*15 points*). ***To be eligible to receive the additional credit***, a student has to ***fully attend at least 16 lectures***, including, 14 or more lectures during the first 9 weeks of the term and the two lectures during the last week of the term. The numerical grade will be converted to a letter grade as follows:

96-105	=	A+
86-95	=	A
76-85	=	B
66-75	=	C
< 66	=	F

Collaboration and Open-Book Policy

Collaboration, in the sense of discussing how to solve the homework problems, is allowed on some, but not all, homework problems. Every homework problem includes a specific statement whether collaboration is allowed or not. For all homeworks:

- Write the final solutions on your own and understand them fully.
- Books, papers and notes can be consulted, but not copied from.
- The use of solutions from previous years is not allowed.

Homeworks Policy

- Homeworks are to be ***submitted in class*** and are due at the start of class on the due date.
- Homeworks are ***returned in class***. Keep your graded sets until you get the final grade. That's your record, we have our record.
- ***Late homeworks lose 20% of their value immediately and lose 100% of their value a week after the due date*** (except in institute-established cases of illness or emergency).
- A late homework submission should include only solutions to problems that were not attempted in the previous (on-time) submission.
- We are human... and occasionally make ***mistakes in grading***. Corrections of grades can be requested only within a week from the time the graded homeworks were returned.

References

There is no required textbook for the course. There are a number of books on reserve at the SFL library. Lecture slides, handouts and relevant publications are available on the class web site.