

Who is Who

Class Schedule: Tuesday, Thursday, 2:30-4:00pm, Annenberg 105

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*Friday/Sunday office hours will replace the Monday office hours during weeks that precede a Tuesday due date for homework.

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**.
- There is an optional programming challenge problem (PCP) **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** (*18 points*) related to the quizzes, essays, presentations and the programming challenge. **To be eligible to receive the additional credit**, a student has to **fully attend at least 17 lectures**, including the **last three lectures of the term**. The numerical grade will be converted to a letter grade as follows:

96-108 = 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.