

How to get the grade you want:

- A** Clearly understand the ideas, and almost always get the answer.
- B** Understand the main ideas, and usually get the answer.
- C** Understand some of the main ideas, and often get the answer.
- D** Vaguely understand some of the main ideas, and sometimes get the answer.
- F** None of the above.

How I tell:

- 45%** Hour exams
- 30%** Class participation (see below)
- 10%** Online quizzes
- 15%** Online homework

Other information:

Participation: You are expected to actively engage in constructive discussion in class. I will also choose students at random to answer questions based on material covered in the online lessons.

Attendance is not part of your grade, except in so far as it affects your participation. As a rule, I do not take attendance. If you miss a class, please consult a classmate to learn what material to study independently. I suggest you find a classmate who will be your “buddy” in this and exchange contact information with this buddy as soon as possible.

Make-ups

- I will give you a make-up exam only if I judge your absence to be due to good cause. Where appropriate, I will expect documentation. Make-up exams may be oral exams. If you know in advance that you must miss an exam, please let me know in advance.
- **Late homework** will not be accepted.

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