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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:

15% Homework

25% Class participation (see below)

60% Hour exams

The fine print:

Participation People who actively engage in discussion in class or during office hours will earn special consideration when I assign course grades. I will also choose students at random to answer questions based on material already covered in class or in homework assignments.

## 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.

Attendance You are responsible for everything covered in class. If you cannot attend a given session, please check with a classmate who was there to find out exactly what you need to study independently. I suggest finding a classmate who will be your "buddy" in this and exchanging contact information as soon as possible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>These are the policies specific to this course. For general university policies on topics including academic integrity, per-credit workload, and the location of tutoring services, please visit

https://www.umassd.edu/provost/resourcesforfaculty/syllabus-language/

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