

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%** Participation
- 20%** Homework and in-class projects
- 30%** Midterm exam
- 35%** Final project, consisting of:
 - 5%** Proposal
 - 5%** Introduction
 - 10%** Draft of paper
 - 10%** Final version
 - 5%** Presentation

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.

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 assignments will accepted at a 50% discount up until the start of following class session (*e.g.* Tuesday for work due on Thursday).

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 missed. I suggest making an explicit arrangement for this and exchanging contact information now.

¹These are the policies specific to this course. For general university policies on topics including academic integrity and per-credit workload, please read the following comprehensive description:
<https://www.umassd.edu/provost/resourcesforfaculty/syllabus-language/>

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