Course Policy

Logistics The course requires attendance at the lecture. The Teaching Assistant for the course is Mr. Raymond Paseman (rpaseman@ucsd.edu). Mr. Josh Marxen (jmarxen@ucsd.edu) is a tutor for this course. We will be providing a moodle discussion board for possible logistical questions you may have regarding this course as well. It is best to discuss technical issues at the office hours of course as communication can thus be speeded up.

Discussion Section Attendance at the discussion sessions scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:50 PM at WLH 2111 and conducted by Mr. Paseman and/or Mr. Marxen is mandatory. The discussion section will cover a) solutions to homework problems, b) solutions to the test problems, c) additional course material, d) workshop problems and/or e) a brief review of the material covered during the week. Discussion sections will be used to deliver formal lectures as well as necessary. For example, the discussion sections on July 9 and July 30 will cover lecture material.

Tests There will be two tests given in this course. The first test will be given in class, and will occur on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 5:00 – 7:50 PM. The final will take place at the scheduled time, Saturday, August 4, 2012, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. The midterm will contribute three eighths of your grade, while the final will contribute one half to your final grade. The final exam will be cumulative and will test all the material covered during the course. There will be no make-up tests given for any reason. To get credit for an exam, attendance during the time period that it is given in is required.

Homeworks On July 5, 12 and 24, a homework set will be assigned, composed of two classes of problems. The first class will consist of practice problems that will enable you to exercise your understanding of the course material. The second class of problems will be more challenging to help you prepare more thoroughly for the midterm and the final. Only the second class of problems which will be so indicated in the homework handouts will be collected and graded. You will need to work of course on all the problems assigned, as the first class will provide you with practice to enable you to think more deeply about the more challenging problems. Your graded homeworks will contribute equally to an eighth of your grade.

Homework Due Dates Homeworks will be due at 4:00 PM on July 16 and 23, and August 2. No late homeworks will be accepted. Any late homeworks will not be graded and will receive a grade of zero. Homework solutions will be discussed in office hours and discussion sections, so that you can check your solutions.
Homework Teams  You can work and submit your homeworks in groups of two. You can of course discuss and work together with your homework teammate. No other collaborative work with any other student in the class is possible. It is our expectation that each group’s homework reflects the work of that group only and nobody else’s; any indication to the contrary will constitute a violation of the UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship and will be seriously prosecuted.

Regrade Policy  Sometimes you get a grade that you don’t like, either because we added up the points wrong or because you think we evaluated you wrongly. If you believe that a regrade is needed, please inform us immediately by providing a written description of the reason why a regrade is necessary. In case of a regrade, your whole test will be regraded, possibly resulting in a lower total score. If no regrade is requested within one week, the following Statute of Limitations will apply:

You have one week from the day any particular graded exam or homework is made available to you to appeal the grade you received. After one week, we will assume that you believe the grade that you got is the correct one. After one week, grades are unchangeable, fixed and permanent.