Course Policy

Logistics The course requires attendance at the lecture. The Teaching Assistant for the course is Mr. Venkatesh Kumar (vrkumar@ucsd.edu). Messrs. Leon Li (xul065@ucsd.edu), Nickolai Verchok (nverchok@ucsd.edu) and Kevin Huang (kyh022@ucsd.edu) are tutors for this course. We will be providing a piazza 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 as communication can thus be speeded up.

Discussion Section Attendance at the discussion sessions scheduled on Tuesdays 7:00 – 7:50 PM at HSS 1330 and conducted by Mr. Venkatesh Kumar is expected. 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. When necessary, discussion sections will be used to deliver formal lectures as well. For example, the discussion section on January 15 will cover lecture material.

Tests There will be three tests given in this course. All tests will be given in class. The two midterms given on January 30 and February 27 will contribute each 24% to your grade. The final will take place in class at the scheduled time of Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 to 10:00 PM. While midterms will assume a cumulative understanding of the material theretofore covered, the midterm questions will specifically focus on material covered since the previous midterm coverage. The final exam will test the complete course material on a cumulative basis. 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. All tests will be conducted on a closed-books and closed-notes basis.

Homeworks On January 16 and 30, February 13 and March 4, a homework set will be assigned, composed of two classes of problems. The first class of problems will be practice problems that will enable you to exercise your understanding of the course material. The second class of problems will be deeper and more challenging to help you prepare more thoroughly for the midterms and the finals. Only the second class of problems which will be so indicated in the homework handouts will be collected and graded. You will surely want to do all the problems assigned, as the first class will provide you with practice to enable you to think deeper about the more challenging problems. Homeworks will be due on the day indicated at 3:00 PM; you need to turn in your solutions for the homeworks to be graded electronically through gradescope by the deadline. Any homeworks turned in after the deadline will receive no credit. Your graded homeworks will contribute equally to a 16% portion of your grade.
**Homework Due Dates** Homeworks will be due at 3:00 PM on January 29, February 12 and 26 (all Tuesdays) and March 15 (Friday). No late homeworks will be accepted. Any late homeworks will not be graded and will receive a grade of zero. Homework solutions will be subsequently made available during discussion sections; you can further discuss the solutions during office hours, 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.