

GRADING SYSTEM

Years of experience have taught me that there is no perfect way to handle absences for tests and quizzes. The following system seems to be as good as any. **Please do not ask for exceptions from it**; if I were to grant them, I would merely be moving to another imperfect system, usually inferior to the one described on the other side.

The lowest two quiz grades will be dropped. On the other hand, I will not drop any homework grades, nor will I drop the lowest test grade, nor give make-up tests. If you are absent for a test, please give me a note explaining why, and for you the questions on the final exam that correspond to the material covered by the test you missed will be used to compute your grade for that test. (Thus these questions are counted twice, but with different point values: if the questions on the final that serve for your test grade have a total value of 50 points as far as the final is concerned, they will each count double for the test grade.)

To compensate for absences on homework, the grading scale for the combined homework-quiz grade will be **at least** this lenient:

85 and up	A
78 - 84	B+
70 - 77	B
63 - 69	C+
55 - 62	C
48 - 54	D+
40 - 47	D

Grading scales on the tests will be somewhat closer to the usual “93 - 100 A, etc.” scale, but will vary according to the difficulty of the tests.

I am generous with partial credit, so show all your work on homework and quizzes and tests. If you use scratch paper that has some important calculations on it, hand it in and don't forget to put your name at the top.