

CMSC 250 - Sections 0101,0102 : Syllabus : Fall 2005

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Textbook: Discrete Mathematics with Applications 3rd Edition - Susanna Epp
ISBN: 0-534-35945-0

Grading Scheme:

Exams: 70% (Two Semester Exams - 19% each, Final Exam - 32%)

-There will be no make-up exams for the semester exams. With a properly documented medical excuse the grade for a missed semester exam will be calculated using the weighed average of the other two exams. If both semester exams are missed with accepted excuses, the instructor may create a comprehensive exam over the material to count in their place. The Final Exam must be taken. Students claiming an excused absence must apply in writing and furnish documentary support (such as from a health care professional who treated the student) for any assertion that the absence qualifies as an excused absence. The support should explicitly indicate the dates and times the student was incapacitated due to illness and provide contact information for verification. Self-documentation of illness is **not** sufficient support to excuse an absence.

The (highly probable) date for the first exam will be on Monday, Oct 10th.
The (highly probable) date for the second exam will be on Monday, Nov 21st.
Both of these exams will be given during lecture time.

The cumulative Final Exam will be held on Saturday December 17th, 4-6pm.

Homework and Quizzes: 30% (Homework - 12%, Quizzes - 18%)

-All written homework assignments will be due at the beginning of the class or lab session indicated. Quizzes will be given in lab each week. You must take the quiz in the section for which you are registered. There will be no make-ups given. The lowest quiz grade will be dropped. If you miss a quiz without an accepted excuse, that quiz grade is a 0. Quizzes will be given towards the beginning of lab so be sure to arrive on time. There will be homework assigned on a regular basis starting on the first day of class. Many homework questions will be taken from the textbook. You are encouraged to purchase the text by the first day of class for this reason.

-Missed homework due to a medical reason will be made up in a manner to be determined at that time. Again, a documented medical excuse is required, as defined above.

Note: Each exam will be curved individually as/if needed. It is not guaranteed that all exams will be curved. The final letter grade will be based on 90% and above for an A, 80% for a B, etc. The final grade will not need to be curved since each contributing exam grade may be.

Academic Honesty:

Homework and quizzes and exams are individual endeavors and are to be done by you. You may NOT discuss homework problems with anyone other than the TA or one of the instructors for this class. Any students found to be turning in identical homework, collaborating on homework, or cheating on quizzes or exams will be turned over to the Student Honor Council for review and a hearing. The default decision of the Council is typically to give you an XF for the course but they may go as far as suspending you from the University.

Topics:

Class material and readings will be based on the textbook including, but not limited to, Chapters 1-7 & 10, and possibly 11.