

Evaluation and Assessment:

All exercises in the exams will be graded based on the following five-point rubric:

- 5 Excellent work; no errors (~A+)
- 4 Good work with minor errors (~A-)
- 3 Good work with more serious errors (~B-)
- 2 Work reflects large gaps in understanding (~C-)
- 1 Incomplete work with large gaps (~D-)
- 0 No work, or unrelated work, or illegible

Note that scores of 0 or 1 are not considered acceptable.

Grades in the course will reflect students' demonstrated attainment of course objectives and goals.

Approximately:

- 50% of your grade will be based on performance on the two mid-term exams
 - Exam 1 – Wednesday, October 14**
 - Exam 2 – Monday, November 16**
- 15% of your grade will be based on homework.
- 10% of your grade will be based on application problems.
- 25% of your grade will be based on the final exam.
 - Final Exam – Wed. December 16 from 8:00 – 9:50 AM**

However, final course grades will be determined by the judgment of the instructor.

Exams:

Exams must be taken during class on the above scheduled dates. Approved make-up exams must be completed within the week of the scheduled exam date. All work on exams should be done independently without assistance from others.

Homework:

Homework will be assigned daily and collected weekly. Assigned exercises will be due every Friday in class. Each set will be graded on the completeness of the assigned exercises and the correctness of three solutions. You are encouraged to work together to complete the homework; however, each student must turn in his/her own solution.

Application Problems:

There is an index of application problems printed in the front cover of the textbook. Students are required to select an even numbered application problem from six of the seven chapters covered and to write up a solution to be turned in before the exam on that chapter. If a student chooses to write a solution to a problem from all seven chapters, then the lowest score will be dropped for grading purposes.

Expectations:

During this semester,

- I intend to treat each student with respect and I therefore expect each student to be respectful to myself and to every other member of the class.
- You should attend all classes. If you have to miss a class due to some uncontrollable circumstance, it is your responsibility to find out what material was covered during that missed class and what assignments were distributed.
- You are expected to devote about 9 hours weekly, besides the 3 in-class hours, to this course.
- Cell phones are a disruption and are not allowed during class. Please turn your cell phone off or turn it on silent (not vibrate).

Special Needs:

Students with disabilities are encouraged to discuss requests for reasonable accommodations with the professor at the beginning of the semester. In order for accommodations to be provided, your disability must be verified by the **Office for Disability Services**, 104 Russell Hall, **484-2665**.

Academic Honesty:

All work in this course must be completed in an ethical and honest manner consistent with the Lock Haven Academic Honesty Policy. In particular, you are encouraged to collaborate in small groups when working out homework problems but you should make sure that each member of your group contributes a fair share of work to the group effort. This is of special importance since you will be evaluated on the basis of your individual understanding of the material, and will not be allowed to collaborate during exams.

Disclaimer:

The instructor reserves the right to change or modify this course and the syllabus for justifiable reasons, subject to appropriate and timely notice to the students enrolled in this class.