UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — JUNE 15, 2012

Information on grading the final examination and policies on returning these examinations to students.

STATISTICS FROM THE FINAL EXAMINATION

The cutoff scores are as follows:

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text{A} & 120 \\
\text{B} & 90 \\
\text{C} & 75 \\
\text{D} & 50 \\
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The median score was $89\frac{1}{2}$ out of 200.

Statement on final grade determination:

As noted previously, the course grade will be determined by a weighted average of the grades on the examinations, the quizzes and the homework. The cutoff points for A, B, C, D, F will be determined individually for each each of these constituents, and for grading purposes the raw numerical scores will be normalized as follows:

4.0 = perfect score, 3.0 = lowest A, 2.0 = lowest B, 1.0 = lowest C, 0.0 = lowest D, -1.0 = zero score. If the raw numerical score lies between two of these values, the normalized score will be determined by linear interpolation.

EXAMPLE. If the lowest A is 88, the lowest B is 72, and a student's raw numerical score is 76, then the raw score is 4 points above the lowest B, the difference between the lowest A and the lowest is 16, and therefore the grade is $\frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$ of the way from the lowest B to the lowest A; linear interpolation means that the normalized score on the examination is **2.25**.

Access to final examinations and grades:

Final examinations will be given out to all students who wish to take them and make a request by the end of the current calendar year (eventually unclaimed examinations will be discarded). Contact the primary instructor if you wish to do so or if you want more information on your final examination grade. Requests for numerical scores can be answered fairly quickly, but more time might be necessary to answer more detailed questions. Electronic scans of final examinations can also be sent, but it might take a little time before this can be completed.