

UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — JUNE 20, 2017

Results of the final examination

The total number of points possible was 150, and the cutoff scores for letter grades are as follows:

A	—	95
B	—	70
C	—	45

The combined median score was $85\frac{1}{2}$.

As indicated in the lectures, the greater of the normalized grade on the first examination by itself and the combined normalized score (as defined below) will be the new normalized midterm score.

As noted below, students are welcome to view and keep their final examinations, and appeals regarding the grading of this examination may be submitted. Written comments should be placed on the examination indicating the problems or issues to be reconsidered. BRIEF and OBJECTIVE statements about specific issues may be included.

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**.

Return of final examinations

My general policy is that students are welcome to take and keep their final examinations, but I might be unavailable at various points throughout the summer. Students who want to retrieve their examinations should contact me by electronic mail so that arrangements can be made. Appeals and queries regarding grading may be submitted as for the midterms with no formal deadline aside from standard University regulations.