General Information

- CS 350: Operating Systems

- Web Page: `http://www.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs350`

- Newsgroup: `uw.cs.cs350`

- Course Personnel, office hours, etc.: see/watch the web page

All students are expected to read newsgroup frequently.

Post questions to newsgroup (instead of emailing)

Course Readings

- Textbook:

  – Silberschatz, Galvin, and Gagne (5th or greater edition).

  – Recommended reading to augment lectures and improve understanding

- Course Notes:

  – buy/print them

  – bring them to class

  – take notes

  – **NOT DESIGNED TO BE STANDALONE**

- Additional readings posted to the web page

Grading Scheme

This may change: see course web page for
official version.

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A0, A1, A2, A3: Assignment marks as a percentage
M:  Midterm exam grade as a percentage
F:  Final exam grade as a percentage


Normal  = (0.02*A0 + 0.10*A1 + 0.10*A2 + 0.13*A3) +
          (0.20*M + 0.45*F)
Exams   = (0.20*M + 0.45*F) / 65
Assigns = (0.02*A0 + 0.10*A1 + 0.10*A2 + 0.13*A3) / 35

if (Exams < 50%) { /* FAIL EXAMS, FAIL THE COURSE */
   Course Grade = min(Normal, Exams)
} else {
   Course Grade = Normal
}
```

Assignments

- A0 done individually

- A0a (create a group)

- A1, A2, A3 done in groups (up to 3 people)

- Grading independent of group size

- Note policies on "divorce"

- Using OS/161 (~16,000 lines for kernel) running on SYS/161.

- Assignments are cummulative (i.e., A2 depends on A1, etc.)

Slip Days

- Total of N days.

- Can use maximum of K slip days per assignment.

- Number of slip days for the group is min(all members)

START ASSIGNMENTS EARLY!

Plagiarism and Academic Offenses

- 0% on assignment and -5% on final grade (difficult to pass)

- ALL suspected cases are ALWAYS reported

- READ AND UNDERSTAND INFO ON COURSE WEB PAGE

- Ignorance is no excuse!

- Can exchange ideas but NOT CODE OR DESIGN

- Common mistakes:

  - Excess collaboration with other groups

  - Using code from other sources (e.g., previous offerings)

  - Thinking you'll drop the course if caught (automatically reenrolled)

We use cheat detection software. Every term people are caught. Nearly everyone that is caught fails.