

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

You are expected to get and use a Piazza account.

You are expected to check the course Piazza page regularly.

Post questions to Piazza (instead of emailing).

Course Readings

- Textbook:
 - Silberschatz, Galvin, and Gagne (8th edition).
 - Recommended reading to augment lectures and improve understanding
 - On 3 hour reserve in the DC Library
- Course Notes:
 - buy/print them
 - bring them to class
 - take notes
 - **NOT DESIGNED TO BE STANDALONE**

Grading Scheme

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

A0, A1, A2, A3: Assignment marks as a percentage

M: Midterm exam grades as percentages

F: Final exam grade as a percentage

$$\text{Normal} = (0.02 * A0 + 0.08 * A1 + 0.125 * A2 + 0.125 * A3) + (0.20 * M + 0.45 * F)$$
$$\text{Exams} = (0.20 * M + 0.45 * F) / .65$$

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

- A0 and A1 done individually
- A2 and A3 done in groups
- Using OS/161 (~16,000 lines for kernel) running on SYS/161.
- Assignments are cumulative (i.e., A2 depends on A1, etc.)
- Slip days
 - Allows flexibility in assignment deadlines
 - Total of 5 slip days
 - Can use maximum of 3 slip days per assignment

Plagiarism and Academic Offenses

- READ AND UNDERSTAND INFO ON COURSE WEB PAGE
- This course has extra requirements and ignorance is no excuse!
- Do not use code from other sources:
 - Do not copy code from friends, web sites, or other sources.
 - We use cheat detection software.
 - Every term people are caught.
- NOTE: You can NOT use assignments you have done from previous terms without instructors permission.