

## General Information

- CS 350: Operating Systems
- Web Page: `http://www.student.cs.uwaterloo.ca/~cs350`
- Piazza:  
`https://piazza.com/uwaterloo.ca/winter2015/cs350/home`
- Course Personnel, office hours, etc.: see/watch the web page
- **MUST ATTEND SECTION YOU ENROLLED IN** (all are full)

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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).

Try to avoid posting private questions, when possible.

Course staff will delay responding to give students a chance to respond.

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## Course Readings

- Course Notes (Required):
  - **NOT DESIGNED TO BE STANDALONE**
  - Buy or print them
  - Bring them to class
  - Take notes
- Textbook:
  - Operating Systems: Three Easy Pieces
  - Remzi H. Arpaci-Dusseau and Andrea C. Arpaci-Dusseau
  - On-line (link on course web page)
  - Hard copies available for a small charge
  - Highly recommended reading

## Grading Scheme

May change slightly each term: see web page for official version.

A0, A1, A2a, A2b, A3: Assignment marks as a percentage

M: Midterm exam grades as percentages

F: Final exam grade as a percentage

$$\text{Normal} = (0.02*A0 + 0.08*A1 + 0.07*A2a + 0.08*A2b + 0.10*A3) + (0.20*M + 0.45*F)$$

$$\text{Exams} = (0.20*M + 0.45*F) / .65$$

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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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Attendance may count up to 2%,  
in which case exams count 20% and 43%.

## Assignments

- All assignments are to be done *individually*
- Using OS/161 (~22,000 lines for kernel)
- Runs on SYS/161 (MIPS simulator / VM)
- As of F13, OS/161 kernel with multiprocessor support.
- 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 (except possibly A3)

## 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
  - Strongly recommend avoiding blogs that provide instructions
  - We use VERY GOOD cheat detection software
  - Every term people are caught
  - Often: 0 on assignment and -5% off final grade

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NOTE: You CAN NOT use assignments you have done from previous terms without instructors permission. If you do, it is considered an Academic Offense.

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