

**Grading Summary:**

Your grade in ECE528 is the weighted sum of the following items:

Homework	(approx. 6 to 8 assignments)	40%
Mid Term		25%
Final Exam		35%

Homework assignments and exams will be made available on the course website. Due dates for homework assignments and exams will be given in writing with each assignment.

***Academic Integrity:***

In addition to the class textbooks, lecture notes, and information posted on the class website, you may consult additional technical resources, including other people, in order to increase your understanding of the material. However, none of the course assignments are considered “group assignments.” Representing another’s work as your own, sharing solutions (yours or mine), or posting solutions online are all violations of the University’s Academic integrity policy.

I expect each student to prepare their own calculations, diagrams, and written answers for all homework and exams. To avoid the appearance of unethical behavior or academic dishonesty, please cite all sources, including people you consulted with, on all homework and exams. Describing concepts to others in a variety of ways is an important skill for engineers. Therefore, direct quotations, even when properly cited, are not acceptable in place of an explanation in your own words.

For more information on academic integrity and citing sources see:

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***All assignments are required:***

In this class, each assignment is intended to help you learn specific important concepts, information, or skills. Therefore, I expect you to turn in all assignments and exams. Missing assignments will result in a grade of “incomplete.” I understand that extenuating circumstances may arise. If you must miss a due date, how far in advance you make prior arrangements, how late the assignment ultimately is, and whether or not you have turned in other assignments late will influence whether the grade on the assignment is reduced a lot, a little, or not at all.

***Minimum grade limits:***

- A 100% →90%
- B 89.9% →80%
- C 79.9% →70%
- D 69.9% →60%
- F 60% →0%

If you turn in all of the assignments and your grade falls within these limits, you are guaranteed at least the listed grade. I reserve the right to improve the grade, but I will not reduce it.

***What I look for in student work:***

In numerical problems I look for the correct answers with supporting calculations presented in a clear and logical progression that can be followed to the solution.

Unsupported answers are not acceptable. In the case of questions in which I ask you to recommend a solution or provide your opinion regarding a power quality problem, I look for a brief but complete description or explanation that includes the basis for your answer. As mentioned above, cite your sources. Sources can include material from the lectures including figures from the slides if you wish.

If you show your work and make a small error, but I can tell from your work that you understood the concepts associated with the problem, the deduction for the error will generally be small. I take larger deductions for errors when the supporting calculations or other information provided do not support your answer or do not demonstrate a good understanding of the material. I try not to make multiple deductions for a single error, even if that error results in several subsequent incorrect answers in a multi-part problem. In some cases, I may not give partial credit if the question was only worth a few points to begin with or if the answer could have been tested using an alternate solution.

If your solution to a problem is particularly insightful, I may, with your permission, share that solution with the class.

If you have questions regarding my grading, please feel free to contact me to discuss it.

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