

Two announcements about midterm 2, final exam, and final grade

1. “Second chance” grading policy
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“Second chance” grading policy

Partial replacement of a poorer relative score on a midterm by a better relative score on the final. Details:

1. Compute alternate score for each midterm (MT1 for illustration):
 - Fit a Gaussian curve (bell curve) to MT1 and Final
 - Determine where your final exam score lies on bell curve for final
 - Your alternate MT1 score is the score at the location on bell curve for MT1.
2. Replace half your actual score on one midterm with your alternate score for that midterm.
 - We will chose the midterm that benefits you the most
 - If neither alternate score is higher than the actual score, we won't change anything.
3. Final scale will be based on actual midterm scores, before applying this policy.
 - So this policy will not lower anyone's grade.

Midterm 2/ Final Exam Format changes

- A name will be preprinted on each exam.
 - Make sure you have the exam with your name on it.
 - It should be on top of the pile of exams when the pile gets to you. If not, it should be near the top.
 - Take your exam and do not otherwise alter the order of the pile of exams
 - If you do not have an exam with your name on it, raise your hand and wait for a proctor.
 - Do not open your exam or write on it until I say start. If you violate this rule you may receive a zero on the exam.
- Questions and answers are interleaved. Turn in all pages.
- Computer-assisted grading. Follow directions on questions:
 - Write answers in designate answer boxes
 - Follow formatting directions when present
 - There will be some “fill in the correct bubble” multiple-choice questions.
 - Think before you fill in the bubble
 - Bring a pencil and a good eraser just in case