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Tests:  There are three regular tests, as well as an in-class Final. One regular test in-class, and the others are take-home. Here is the tentative schedule:

Test #1 (take-home)  Sections 1.1–1.3, 2.1–2.4, 3.1–3.3
Test #2 (in-class)  Sections 3.4, 4.1–4.4
Test #3 (take-home)  Sections 4.5–4.7, 6.1–6.3

• The in-class test is closed-book and closed-notes.
• Use of calculators or other computing technology is not allowed on the in-class test.
• No electronic devices of any type (other than a watch) may be used during the in-class test.
• Tests are written under the assumption that you are studying the material at least 6 hours per week outside of class.

Participation:  Participation means that you in some way demonstrate intellectual involvement in the course. It does not necessarily mean that you ask questions and volunteer answers. Active participation may include your working lots of exercises, taking advantage of office hours, and displaying preparedness, dedication and intellectual curiosity. Things that could cause you to lose participation points include sleeping in class, leaving your cell phone on, missing too much class, and rude behavior. (Not that I expect you would do any of these things!)

Final Exam:  The final exam is comprehensive, covering material from chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7. It is closed-book and closed-notes. It is scheduled for 1:00–3:50 PM on Monday, December 8.
Grading:
The 10-point grading scale is used:
A: 90–100
B: 80–89
C: 70–79
D: 60–69
F: 0–59

Your final average will be computed as follows:

Tests: 50%
Homework: 10%
Participation: 5%
Final Exam: 35%

Make-up Tests: I will consider giving a make-up test if you miss an in-class test due to a documented illness or emergency. In order to arrange a make-up, you must contact me on or before the date of the missed test.

Attendance: I do not take attendance, but I do notice if you are not attending class. If your grades are high, I do not mind if you miss class occasionally; otherwise excessive absences may result in a reduced participation score.

As a matter of courtesy, you should arrive punctually and stay for the entire duration of each class you attend. Please inform me ahead of time if you must leave early.

Internet: Information about this course is posted on my web page. Go to There you will find the syllabus, homework assignments, and due dates, as they are determined.

Cell Phones: Please be sure that all cell phones and other electronic devices (including iPods) are turned off for the entire duration of each class.

Accommodations: Any student eligible for and needing academic adjustments or accommodations because of a disability should contact me within the first week of class.