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Office Hrs: 10:30 – 12:00 noon, T, Th


Recommended Text: Any good book on Unix programming. Here is one:
Practical Unix Programming by Kay A. Robbins and Steven Robbins – Prentice Hall.

Course Outline: Topics from Chapters 1-15 of text. Students are expected to read chapters 21-23.

Homework: Homework will consist of problems and programming assignments. All homework should be turned in at the start of the class on the due date. The homework must be typed. Late and/or illegible work will not be accepted. Homework will count for 30% towards the final grade.

Examinations: Besides the FINAL EXAMINATION at the scheduled time and date, there will be a mid-term Exam on October 12. The mid-term exam will be worth 30% of your grade. The final exam will be worth 40% of your grade.

ALL EXAMS MUST BE TAKEN AS SCHEDULED. NO EXAM WILL BE GIVEN TO MAKE-UP THE MISSED ONES, EXCEPT IN CASE OF SICKNESS OR FAMILY EMERGENCY, DULY SUPPORTED BY LEGITIMATE DOCUMENTS. PROBLEMS WITH CAR OR ALARM CLOCKS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A VALID EXCUSE. PLEASE, DO NOT ASK FOR ANY MAKE-UP EXAMS.

Grading: In order to get a passing grade in the course, A STUDENT MUST SECURE PASSING GRADES BOTH IN THE HOMEWORK AND TESTS. Passing grade for each of these categories is 50% of the total marks. A student not securing a passing grade in either one of the two categories will be assigned a grade of F. The overall grade will be determined as follows

90% or above – A
78% or above and below 90% - B
65% or above and below 78% - C
50% or above and below 65% - D
Below 50% in either homework or in the tests or overall – F
Cooperation: A good way to learn the material is to explain it to someone else, so student-student discussion is encouraged. Student conversation is a valuable tool in suggesting different approaches to problem solution. However, since a grade must be assigned to each student that reflects the individual’s mastery of the subject, and not the communication talent, the work you turn in must be your own. **COLLABORATION IS NOT ALLOWED, AND WHEN DISCOVERED, WILL BE REPORTED TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO THE UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS.**

ANY STUDENT IN THIS COURSE WHO HAS A DISABILITY THAT MAY PREVENT HIM/HER FROM FULLY DEMONSTRATING HIS/HER ABILITIES SHOULD CONTACT ME PERSONALLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN DISCUSS ACCOMMODATIONS NECESSARY TO ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION AND FACILITATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES.