MAC 2311 Syllabus for Fall 2018

Lecture: MWF 4th, CAR 100; MWF 6th, TUR L007/ Dr. Scott Keeran (Coordinator),

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Text: We will be using an open source textbook which is of course free and can be accessed via this link: http://bit.ly/2uEmmKF.

Grades:

A student's grade will be based upon class participation points (clickers), online homework (Xronos), discussion quizzes, and exams in accordance with the table below.

Class Participation: 5%

Online Homework: 12.5%

Discussion Quizzes: 12.5%

Midterm Exams (3): 50%

Final Exam: 20%

Class Participation: All students are required to purchase a H-ITT clicker from the campus bookstore and to register their clicker; clicker applications involving smart phones will not be supported. Starting approximately the third week of the semester, students will be required to have their clickers in class in order to participate in lectures. Students will be asked questions to test their understanding of class materials and their responses will be graded and recorded. There will be no makeups for missed clicker questions however we will drop 5 clicker points to compensate for absences, mechanical failures, etc. After we have used the clicker in class I will send you a link to register your clicker.

A student is <u>not allowed</u> to respond in class using any clicker but his own; a violation of this policy is considered cheating and will be handled according to standard University policies.

Online Homework: Homework will be assigned through the UF produced homework system Xronos. Xronos is free to UF students and can be accessed through the course's Canvas site. During the course of the semester, online homeworks will be assigned on a routine basis and must be completed within the given time interval. There are no extensions for any reasons; instead a certain number (to be determined at the end of the semester) of homework points will be dropped.

Discussion Quizzes: Every student is scheduled to attend a weekly discussion session. With the exception of the first week of the semester, a quiz will be given at the end of each discussion to insure that the student is keeping current with lecture topics. You must be present at the beginning of the class in order to take the quiz. There will be no makeups for missed quizzes, however three quiz grades will be dropped at the end of the semester to compensate for absences.

Exams: During the semester we will have three mid-term exams and a final. For the midterm exams, approximately 65% of the points will come from multiple choice questions with the final 35% of the exam based upon free-response problems; the final exam will consist solely of multiple choice questions. The mid-term exams are 90 minute assembly exams which begin at 8:30 in the evening and will be on Wednesday, September 19th; Tuesday, October 16th; and Tuesday, November 13th; exam locations will be announced during the course of the semester. The final exam date is Monday, December 10th, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, and the exam must be taken at the assigned time.

A student's final grade is based upon a standard grading scale:

 $A: 90 \% \text{ or above } B^+: 87 \% \text{ or above } B: 80 \% \text{ or above } C^+: 77 \% \text{ or above } C: 70 \% \text{ or above } D^+: 67 \% \text{ or above } D: 60 \% \text{ or above } E: \text{below } 60 \%$

Please note that a student's final grade is not rounded upward.

Additional Topics:

Attendance is mandatory if a student wishes to master the subject and the student is responsible for all announcements and lecture material covered in class. Makeup tests will only be given in cases of documented illness or for students participating in official University events. <u>All</u> makeup exams will be given on Wednesday, December 5th at 5:10 pm. It is the responsibility of the student to be present during examinations. In addition to Xronos, supplementary, non-graded homework problems will be available for additional practice as needed; it is imperative for students to complete all graded assignments in order to perform well on the exams. Academic dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated and will be treated in accordance with the policies of the University of Florida. During the course of the semester we will cover material from chapters 2, 3, 4, and 5.

In order to minimize the volume of e-mail correspondence, students are highly encouraged to communicate with the instructors before class, after class, and during office hours.

Students requesting classroom accommodation must first register with the Dean of Students Office. The Dean of Students Office will provide documentation to the student who must then provide this documentation to the Instructor when requesting accommodation. The documentation should be provided at the earliest possible date.

Miscellanea:

Students may evaluate the course at: https://evaluations.ufl.edu and view evaluations at https://evaluations.ufl.edu/results.

UF grading policy : https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx.

Material and supplies: Students are required to buy a hitt clicker.