Homework

You are free to work in groups on your homework assignments, but you should be careful not to use the group as a crutch. It may be best to spend some time trying to do each problem alone before meeting as a group. If you do work in a group, make certain that you fully understand any problem on which you receive help. When you're taking a quiz or test, there won't be anyone there to help, and you'll have to rely on your own understanding.

Attendance

Although I won't be taking attendance after the first week or so, you are strongly encouraged to attend every class. The notes available at the website should be a very useful resource when combined with your own notes and the textbook. You should bring an ordinary scientific calculator (about $10 most places) to class and especially to the tests. I will clear the memory of all programmable calculators before each test. Sometime before the first test, make sure you have brought your calculator to me so that I'll know how to do that and you'll be able to use it during your test.

Honor Code

The ASU Academic Integrity Policy (found at www.armstrong.edu/studentintegrity) will be strictly upheld. Any violations will become part of the student’s permanent educational record and will receive the harshest punishment allowed, including but not limited to a grade of F for the course. Plagiarism, which is defined as using someone else’s words or ideas (i.e., paraphrasing) without proper attribution, is an honor code violation.

Tests and Grading

As of this writing, there will be three tests, the lowest of which will be dropped (others worth 20% each), a final exam worth 35%, and an undetermined number of homework assignments and lab exercises for the remaining 25%. The tests will be approximately evenly spaced throughout the semester. If you must miss a test, you must contact me as soon as possible to schedule a makeup exam. This syllabus is subject to modifications (which will be announced in class) during the semester.
standards of the class, including the attendance policy. If you have a disability and need accommodations, please contact the Office of Disability Services, located on the second floor of Memorial College Center, room 208. You will need to meet with Disability Services Staff, who can help you gather documentation of your disability or refer you to an appropriate resource for assessment. Once documentation of the disability is gathered and approved, Disability Staff will provide you with an Accommodation Letter, detailing the appropriate, approved accommodations, which you should present to me so we can discuss and implement your accommodations. Disability accommodations work best starting at the beginning of the semester, but can be approved and started at any point in the semester. Accommodations start at the time the Accommodation Letter is presented to faculty, within reasonable timelines. Accommodations are not given retroactively. Accommodations are not part of your academic transcript.

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