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Grade breakdown

We are using "Proficiency Grading" ([link](#)) for this course. Basically, it means that if you complete all the work in the course you'll get a B+. No midterm, no final exam. To achieve an A or A+ you will need to perform additional work related to a *major* programming project. Details on this to be released later in the semester.

The B+ portion of the class is made up of four main components. Each is worth an equivalent portion of your B+:

1. Labs (lab reports, lab demonstrations, etc.): 20%
2. *Minor* Project: 20%
3. Class Readings and videos (tracked on eClass): 20%
4. Online interactive activities (Matlab Grader, non-video H5P, etc.): 20%

Effectively, each of these is worth 20% of your final grade. Each sub-component within the main components is weighted identically (signified by a grade of 1) unless it is stated otherwise.

Lab components: Each lab is worth an equal portion of the 20%, no matter what the breakdown of points or marks in a given lab. For instance, if there were five labs in a semester and Lab X's marking guide had 15 points in it and you received 7 points, it would be worth 1.87 out of 20 (i.e. $20/5*(7/15)$) associated with all the labs.

Minor project: Any component of the minor project associated with a lab counts as a lab. Components completed during the semester outside of the labs and due to the final project report make up the 20% for the minor project.

Major project: The *optional fifth component* is worth 20% and completing it will put you in a position to achieve A or A+. The major projects will be graded relative to one another, based on the skill and originality demonstrated in the submission. Students submitting major projects will be expected to make themselves available for a video conference interview to describe and discuss their project.

Note that the submission of a major project is not a guarantee of an A or A+. For example, not completing the four main components of the course or submitting a trivial, relatively unskilled and/or unoriginal major project will be considered grounds for not assigning an A or A+.

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