

Midterm Grade Report – 36-617, Fall 2021

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Here are the percentages I am using to calculate grades:

Category	Final %	Midterm %
10-ish Homeworks	20%	50%
Monday Quizzes	10%	25%
2 Short Projects	50%	(omit)
Peer Review	10%	(omit)
Participation	10%	25%

The “**Final %**” column is what is specified in the syllabus. The “**Midterm %**” is what I used for midterm grades (just omitting what isn’t graded yet, and rescaling the remainder to a total of 100%).

Homework and Quiz scores are just percent of total.

For Participation, I did the following calculation:

- Start at 0
- Add $75 * (\text{number of quizzes you took}) / (\text{total number of quizzes given})$
[this is basically a class attendance score]
- If I remember your name from office hours, class, Piazza, or email, add 25
- Total possible: 100

The grade cutoffs were

Cutoffs	# in Midterm Grades
A – 90 and above	25
B – 80 and above	3
C – 65 and above	0
D – 50 and above	0

On the next page are histograms of scores in each individual category, and the overall midterm scores.

You can check for details in the Grades area of Canvas.

Everyone is doing fine in class. The B’s are all close to the A cutoff, and I don’t have a quota for the number of A’s I can give at the end of the semester.

See you in class,

-BJ

