

Digital Communications

Grades in English Academic Year 2023/2024

GRADING SYSTEM

Grading system for the Ordinary Call:

- The Final Exam will constitute the 60 % of the total grade (6 points).
- The Continuous Assessment will constitute the remaining 40 % of the grade (4 points). The following activities are considered for Continuous Assessment:
 1. Partial Exams: After the end of each of the 2 basic blocks of the course, students will have a partial exam. Total grade for this activity is 2 points. Basic regulations, and a detailed scale for the related grading are given later.
 2. During classes of exercises, some exercises will be solved and handed in to the professor. Each student can obtain up to a maximum of 1 point for this activity. Basic regulations, and a detailed scale for the related grading are given later.
 3. Laboratory: Two laboratory experiments, each one with two sessions (4 sessions), will add up to a maximum of 1 point (0.5 points for each experiment). Basic regulations, and a detailed scale for the related grading are given later.

The final grade for Continuous Assessment will be the addition of the grades for these two activities. This final grade will be valid for both calls, the Ordinary Call and the Extraordinary Call.

- To pass this subject, a minimum grade of 4 points out of 10 possible points has to be obtained in the final exam.

Grading system for the Extraordinary Call:

- The grade of the Extraordinary Call will be the best of 60 % (6 points) of the Final Exam plus 40 % (4 points) of Continuous Assessment, or 100 % (10 points) of the Final Exam, according to the University regulations.
- To pass this subject, a minimum grade of 4 points out of 10 possible points has to be obtained in the Final Exam.

Allowed bibliography for final exams

- During the final exams of both the Ordinary and the Extraordinary Calls, the student can only use as bibliographic support sheets for mathematical expressions. In particular, two A4 sheets written both sides (4 pages) that must be original and hand-written. These sheets can contain mathematical formulae and diagrams, but not solved exercises.

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CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT: PARTIAL EXAMS

- Each student can obtain up to a maximum of 2 points of the continuous assessment through partial exams.
- The contents of the subject are arranged in five chapters, grouped in 4 fundamental blocks. Each one of these fundamental blocks has an associated partial exam.
- Partial exams will be scheduled in the weeks that are specified in the weekly plan. Each partial exam will be performed at the beginning of the corresponding class. For this reason, punctuality is strongly recommended (students arriving late will have less time to perform the exam or will not be able to take the exam if a student has finished the exam and left the classroom). The partial exams are scheduled as follows
 - Week 5: Monday October, 2nd
 - Week 8: Wednesday October, 25th*
 - Week 12: Monday November, 20th
 - Week 15: Wednesday December, 13th*
- The grade obtained in this activity will be obtained by averaging grades obtained in the two partial exams, i.e.
 - Partial Exam (I) : A_P points
 - Partial Exam (II) : B_P points
 - Partial Exam (III) : C_P points
 - Partial Exam (IV) : D_P points

Total grade for this activity:

$$T_P = \frac{A_P + B_P + C_P + D_P - \min(A_P, B_P, C_P, D_P)}{3}$$

NOTE: In this expression, it is assumed that maximum grade for each partial exam is the same as the maximum grade for this activity.

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CONTINUOUS GRADING: GRADE FOR THE EXERCISES

- The subject is organized in five chapters, which can be grouped in 4 basic blocks of contents.
- Each student can obtain up to a maximum of 1 point for solving and handling in some of the exercises that will be proposed at the end of each basic block of contents.
- Approximately a week before the first class of exercises of each block, a collection of exercises will be published, indicating which exercises correspond to this activity.
- In the same sessions dedicated to the partial exams, the student will be asked to individually solve some of the sections of the proposed exercises. The response will be handled in to the professor. As for partial exams, the worst grade of the four blocks will be discarded.
- The grade for each handing over will be:
 - Exercise for block (I) : A_E points
 - Exercise for block (II) : B_E points
 - Exercise for block (III) : C_E points
 - Exercise for block (IV) : D_E points

Total grade for exercises:

$$T_E = \frac{A_E + B_E + C_E + D_E - \min(A_E, B_E, C_E, D_E)}{3}$$

NOTE: In this expression, it is assumed that maximum grade for each block of exercises is the same as the maximum grade for this activity.

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CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT: LABORATORY

- Students can obtain up to a maximum of 1 point by means of the laboratory experiments of the course.
- Attendance to laboratory experiments is in this case **MANDATORY**, according to the University regulations.
- There are two laboratory experiments, each one with two sessions. The schedule will be included in Aula Global.
- About a week before the scheduled date for each experiment, a Guide detailing the experiment goals and procedures will be published.
- The grade associated to each experiment is up to a maximum of 0.5 points.
- For each experiment, the materials to be delivered and the deadline for the delivery will be published in Aula Global.