

## **Sapling Learning grading information:**

1. Homework sets are due weekly on Thursdays (starting week 2) by 11:55 pm. During fall break and Thanksgiving break, sets will be due instead the following Monday at 11:55pm. A calendar is available on Carmen showing the lecture, HW, and exam schedule. You will have a maximum of two hours to complete each homework set of ~10-20 questions.
2. Before attempting homework sets, it is highly encouraged that you first attend all lectures, read and understand the content of the chapters, complete all of the in-chapter practice and sample exercises, and complete as many of the end-of-chapter problems as it takes for you to understand the applications of the content. A practice set of Sapling problems will also be available if you wish to work online problems in lieu of end-of-chapter homework problems from the textbook. You should find the Sapling HW problems are solvable using only your own knowledge and the limited set of supplied information provided on exams (see Carmen).
3. There will be 11 required homework sets assigned throughout the term (see the HW/exam calendar). There will be 4 bonus review assignments due the week following each of the four midterms. The required HW sets are worth 100 points each in Sapling and bonus sets are worth up to 100 points of bonus. Your total homework earned percentage out of 1100 maximum points will be scaled to be worth 7.5% of your overall course grade. The maximum possible homework score possible is 7.5%.
4. You earn credit by correctly answering questions. You have a maximum of three attempts to answer each question, though 10% of the points for a question are deducted for each miss. You will usually get a hint to help you get back on track after a wrong answer. Solutions to all problems can be viewed once the assignment due date has passed. The points for all questions on a given assignment are equally weighted (i.e. if a set has 20 problems, then each question is worth 5 points each).
5. Examinations will comprise 67.5% of your final grade, whereas homework only accounts for only 7.5%. It is obviously to your benefit to adopt study habits that ultimately allow you to have the highest possible retention of knowledge and gain the greatest ability to solve problems and apply your knowledge. If instead you focus on earning the highest possible homework score, you might not learn the material in such a way that allows you to perform well on the exams.