

Graduate Student Syllabus

See the undergraduate version of the syllabus, available from the course web site, for those items that apply to all students, undergraduate and graduate, who take this course. The present document describes additional requirements for graduate students only.

As described in the general syllabus, all students can accumulate up to 580 points ~~from~~ the lecture exams (300 points), essays (50 points), term paper/project (100 points) and lab assignments (130 points). Grades for graduate students will be based on an additional 150 points due

Finally, be aware that, if you opt to submit a term paper or project, it will be held to a higher standard. For example, I will not award points for each peer-reviewed reference in the bibliography, as is done with undergraduate papers. I do this with undergrads in order to force them to read the scientific literature; I assume that grad students do not need such an incentive. Nonetheless, term papers/projects will be evaluated using the same criteria applied to undergraduate papers; the criteria will just be applied a bit more rigorously.

Because of the additional requirements, graduate student grades will be based on a total of 730 points, with grades distributed according to the following percentages:

A = 657 - 730

B = 584 - 656

C = 511 - 583

D = 438 - 510

There will be no adjustments to these cut-offs (i.e., they will not be curved).