

Econ 4060: How your grade will be determined?

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This is a proposal and might be modified.

Here is my tentative plan:

10% of your course grade will be for mentoring the research paper of another student.

90% of grade will be divided between your research project (it has 3.5 parts) and class participation.

Your research project will be either 50% or 40% of your course grade (you will need to decide which in the next week or so. If you are not an excellent writer you might want to go with the 40%).

The rest of your course grade will be based on class participation, so either 40% or 50% of your course grade.

A necessary condition, but not a sufficient condition, for your participation is you come to class, all or most days. Of course you will get a few passes before missing negatively affects your grade, but only a few (e.g. three). Attendance will be determined by handing in comments and questions, and by class discussion, not simply by being physically present.

Your research project has three steps (your proposal, your paper and its presentation, and rewriting your paper based on comments and feedback). Each step will be 1/3 of your project grade.

Note that the second step is not a draft. It will be graded as if it were your final effort.

If your performances drastically improve over the term, I will bump up your course grade, but only a bit.