

MA 151 -- EXAM CUTOFFS -- SPRING 2003

The minimum score for the grade:

Exam 1 100 points	Exam 2 100 points
A: 88	A: 76
B: 76	B: 65
C: 59	C: 41
D: 41	D: 35
AVG. 58.1	AVG. 45.4

** These cutoffs are only provisional, however, they do give a fairly good approximation as to how you are doing grade-wise. **When trying to approximate your grade** on each exam, distinguish the difference between getting a high C or a low C, a high B or a low B, etc. **Average your estimated exam letter grades.** In estimating your grade, all your quizzes together will count 100 points, as much as a midterm exam. To broadly **estimate your quiz grade**, compare your quiz scores to the average quiz scores your Recitation Instructor gives you when they hand back your quizzes. If you are consistently near the average, your quiz grade can be estimated as being a C, well above average most of the time would be estimated as a B or A, etc. The final grade distribution and grades will be determined as described in the ground rules for the course.

Coordinator's Comments on Exam 2:

This exam was unfortunately a little harder than usual. This was not intentional, but can be expected to happen from time to time. There were a few problems that proved to be more difficult for you, the students, than I had anticipated. Weaknesses in the ability of students to interpret applied word problems (Problems #8A, 6B, 11, and 15), as well as some of the problems and concepts that were focused on in lecture, and again on the homework (Problems #6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, and 17), also contributed to the low average. Combining your efforts with mine, I would imagine that together we can accomplish a higher average score on Exam 3 than we did on Exam 2.