

**How Your Final Grade will be Computed**

To derive your overall letter grade in COGS 101A, I will compute the percentage points you received for each of the five components of the class grade and multiply those by the number of overall class points each segment of the class grade is worth. For example, say Will Smith got 2843 out of the 3000 total possible WebCT assessment points (i.e., 95% of the possible WebCT points), 95% of the points on his lab write-ups, 92% of the points on Midterm I (after the curve), 83% of the points on Midterm II (after the curve), and 90% of the points on the Final. Mr. Smith also participated in a two hour experiment and earned two points extra credit. His total overall class points would be:

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<th>SEGMENT OF CLASS GRADE</th>
<th>CLASS POINTS</th>
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<tr>
<td>WebCT Assessments (10 pts)</td>
<td>.95*10=9.5</td>
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<td>Lab Write-Ups (20 pts)</td>
<td>.95*20=19</td>
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<td>Midterm I (20 pts)</td>
<td>.92*20=18.4</td>
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<td>Midterm II (20 pts)</td>
<td>.83*20=16.6</td>
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<td>Final Exam (30 pts)</td>
<td>.9*30=27</td>
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<td>Extra Credit Experimental Participation or Paper (2 pts)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL (100 pts):</strong></td>
<td><strong>92.5</strong></td>
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So Will Smith got an overall score in the class of 93 (i.e., 92.5 rounded to the nearest integer).

Overall letter grades will be assigned via the following criteria:

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<td>F</td>
<td>Less than 60</td>
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So Will Smith would get an A in the class and would celebrate by getting jiggy.