

OR 540 Management Science

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Class Rules

1. The book for this course is a basic text for a broad coverage of Management Science and Operations Research. It emphasizes problem solution using Excel. The class presentation will often depart from the book in order to give you multiple perspectives on the covered topics. You should read the applicable sections of the book prior to class.
2. Grades will be determined as follows:

Class & Homework	20%
Midterm	40%
Final Exam	40%
3. In any work you do, always show all the steps you used to get your answer. If the answer is wrong, you may still get a great deal of partial credit if I can follow your logic. This is especially important in the exam.
4. Some of the lectures will be overhead presentations. Previous classes have found it useful to have copies of the overheads during class for their use. They will be available, along with other material, there. The website is <http://classweb.gmu.edu/aloerch/OR540.htm>
5. There will be homework problem sets just about every class. These will be collected each week. I will not grade all of them in detail, but I will keep track of students that do not hand them in. I will also use them to gain insight into the understanding of the students. Some of the more important homework assignments will be graded. All of the homeworks count toward your homework and class grade. Invest the time to do the problem sets. You will have a hard time with the exam material if you cannot do the homework.
6. I am interested in your comments on the class as the term goes on. Is it too hard or too easy? Is it too fast or too slow? How much time are you spending on homework? Anything that will make the class better and more meaningful will be entertained. Your advice may not be totally accepted, but your feedback will be much appreciated.