

Winter 2014 – FM 9561B Final Exam

Guidelines

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES DURING THE EXAM:

1. This is a closed-book exam. *No laptops and calculators* are allowed whilst taking the exam.
2. In the interest of fairness, (i) please DO NOT open the questionnaire until you are told to do so by the invigilator; you may fill out the student's information section on the front cover of the questionnaire whilst waiting for the signal to begin and (ii) as soon as the invigilator announces "time is up and stop writing", you should drop your pen/pencil, must stop writing and remain in your seat until all the exam papers are collected. ***Ignoring these important instructions will have dire consequences (including the invalidation of your exam paper and a mark of zero in the final exam).***
3. As a courtesy to your classmates, PLEASE turn-off all mobile phones, Blackberries, pagers and other electronic communication devices during the entire exam period.
4. For the purpose of identification, be ready to show your UWO ID. Put it on top of your desk so that the invigilator will no longer trouble you whilst you are writing the exam. You must also sign the Attendance Sheet.
5. The exam materials consist of a questionnaire and test booklet(s). The questionnaire contains your candidate number that you MUST copy into the test booklet as your unique identification. DO NOT WRITE YOUR NAME IN THE TEST BOOKLET.
6. Follow exam instructions carefully. Failure to do so can lead to mark deductions, which could substantially lower down your final exam score.

EXAM COVERAGE AND GUIDELINES:

7. The final exam on **Saturday** (12 April 2014, 2:00-5:00PM) will be held in **Kresge Building 203**.
8. In order to cut down the time you need to study the materials specified in item #7, it is recommended that you concentrate on the (i) solutions to all assignment questions, (ii) learning materials posted in the course website and (iii) lecture notes given in class.
9. You will be asked to perform calculations and write short proofs/reasoning. Just like in your assignments, your mark will depend on the logical presentation and clarity of your solution. DO NOT assume that markers can simply guess what you mean – write down all the necessary steps. No credit will be given for a final solution (even if it is correct) without a valid justification or explanation, unless indicated otherwise.

N.B.: Examiners/markers attach great importance to legibility, accuracy and clearness of expression.

10. You may be asked about the definition of a term and perhaps to describe or state important statements and results. Be precise and coherent. Definitions are concise statements; don't waste your time giving an example to illustrate the terminology when this is not being asked as you will not receive any credit. Some questions may require

you to write a paragraph or two. Don't ramble. Organise your thoughts first and then write succinctly and legibly. The mark appropriated for each question is shown after each question; so, use this as your guide in case you are wondering about the amount of explanation needed.

11. As described in the course outline, your final grade in the course will be calculated using the scheme below:
Final Grade = $50\%*A + 50\%*F$, where
A:= weighted ave mark of the three assignments, and F:= final exam mark.
12. As per university regulation, no information regarding solutions of the final exam or final grades will be released until the end of the final exam period. Instructions on how you can access your final grade will be posted in the course website on the last day of the examination period.

Finally, for your peace of mind, the instructor will mark the final exam papers himself. The instructor will ensure that proper administrative checks are put in place to avoid any error in adding exam marks, inclusion of approved academic accommodation in the record, calculation of final marks, etc, etc.

There is NO appeal on the basis of instructor's academic judgement or assessment of your final exam answers (this includes appeal to bargain or negotiate for more or partial marks after the exam).

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