

Homework Policy

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This document summarizes the ECE 220 homework policies. Homework is a very important part of this course. If you do not devote significant time to the problem sets, you will not learn the material and the exams will be very difficult.

Homework Format

As an engineer, it is very important to be able to clearly and concisely explain your solutions to problems. The correct solution is useless if no one can read and understand it. The goal of the formatting guidelines below is to encourage you to develop good work habits.

- Start each homework problem on a separate page. You may put different parts (i.e., part a, part b, part c) of a single problem on the same page.
- Problem solutions must be stapled in the order they are listed in the assignment.
- You must attach a cover sheet to the front of each problem set. See the next page for a template. The cover sheet contains the problem set number, your name, the name of students you worked with, the time you spent on the problem set, and a very brief description of how of each problem was completed. The following is a sample of what the problem description should look like:
 - Problem 1: all parts done.
 - Problem 2: parts a and b completed, part c attempted but not finished.
 - Problem 3: not attempted.

The problem set will not be graded if the cover sheet is not attached.

- The pages of your homework must be stapled. Do not bend the corners, hoping that the pages will stay together. Prof. Wage will not bring a stapler to class – you are responsible for stapling your homework BEFORE class.
- Homework is due at the beginning of lecture. **No late homeworks will be accepted.**

Homework Grading

Each problem set is worth a total of ten points. The points will be distributed as follows:

- Presentation: 1 points
The presentation score includes points for neatness and for following the homework format guidelines outlined above.
- Graded problems: 5 points
Two of the assigned problems will be graded for technical correctness. The score on these problems will be worth 5 points.
- Effort on remaining problems: 4 points
4 points will be awarded based on the effort given to the remaining problems (those that are not graded for technical correctness). Note that to achieve full credit for “effort” requires a serious attempt to complete each problem.

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Homework Cover Sheet

Problem Set #: _____

Name: _____

Names of other students I discussed this problem set with:

Provide a brief (one-sentence) description of how much of each problem has been completed:

Amount of time spent on this problem set: _____

If problem set is incomplete, how much additional time would be needed to complete it? _____