

Rules on homework in Math 30

Fall 2017

Essentials. Homework will be due every class day except exam days. Depending on the nature of the homework, between 3 and 20 questions (average 10) will be assigned each time. **Homework will be graded** on the following basis: A few questions will be graded in detail, and the rest of your grade will be based on completion and effort.

Style of homework. Most homework problems in this class will require short answers; please show all your work for every question.

For word problems in this class, you need to state your final answer in the form of a **complete sentence**, e.g., “It takes 3 hours for Mary-Kate and Phuong to finish their coding.” In part, this is because word problems on exams will require the same thing. You will also occasionally be asked to write a brief explanation of why something is true; this will usually require a few complete sentences.

Doing homework in teams. Unless otherwise specified, in this class, you have the option of doing any homework in a team of 2 or 3, and submitting a single writeup for the team each time. If you want to do homework in a team, the following rules apply.

- Teams can have either 2 or 3 people.
- One writeup is turned in for the whole team, and is to be written up by **one person only**. This person should be clearly indicated at the beginning of the homework (e.g.: “Writeup: Jane Nguyen”), and the names of the rest of the team should also be written at the beginning of the homework.
- Everyone in the team gets the same grade for the homework.
- The person doing the writing must change each time. Teams that do not change writers on a regular basis will be disbanded.
- Anyone who does not contribute to the homework should not have their name listed at the beginning of the homework, and will receive a 0 for the homework. If there are extenuating circumstances, they must be cleared with me.

If you would like to be placed randomly in a team, please let me know, preferably by e-mail (tim.hsu@sjsu.edu), and I’ll try to match you up appropriately.

Late homework. The basic rule is that **late homework will not be accepted**, unless 24 hours notice is given (for away games, etc.). However, to allow for personal problems (illness, etc.), your three lowest homework grades will be dropped.