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Late Homework Policy:

My late homework policy for graduate courses is simple: with few exceptions, no late homework will be accepted. Your homework must be handed in by the *beginning* of class on the date it is due. If you are unable to hand in your homework on time, then you must make arrangements with me in advance and **not** after the due date. For example, if you are sick and unable to hand in your work on time, then you should let me know in advance that this is the situation. On the other hand, if you have work in other classes or in research and are not able to hand in your work on time, then this is not a valid reason for an extension.

Appealing Grades:

Appealing a grade on homework or exams is a straightforward thing to do. Simply stop by my office during office hours and we can discuss it. Most people consider me to be a reasonable person and it is likely that we can come to a satisfactory conclusion. There is one **important** restriction: you have **one week** after receiving a graded homework or exam to appeal its grade.

Academic Integrity:

The relationship between a student and instructor is built on mutual respect and trust. For example, the student should treat the instructor with common courtesy and respect, and trust that the instructor has made appropriate decisions about the structure and content of the course. The instructor, on the other hand, should be courteous and respectful to every student, and trust that students are working diligently and honestly on the material assigned for a grade. Acts which violate this mutual respect and trust undermine the educational process. The Rensselaer Handbook of Student Rights and Responsibilities defines various forms of Academic Dishonesty and you should make yourself familiar with these.

In the case of problem sets, collaboration between students is encouraged. However, each student must write his/her own solutions and submit his/her own problem sets. Copying someone else's solution or Matlab code is not allowed.

In the case of exams, there is no collaboration of any kind permitted. If cheating is suspected, then an explanation will be requested. If the explanation is not satisfactory, then an exam grade of zero will be given and a report will be made to the Dean of Students.

Finally, it is my experience that cases of academic dishonesty are rare, especially in graduate courses. Nevertheless, it is important to be clear on the ground rules so that there is no misunderstanding later.