

Some common questions at the start of the semester

ME 274 – Spring 2024

Are homeworks and quizzes very important in the course?

To do well in this course, your development of problem-solving skills through homework and quizzes is essential. 25% of your final grade in the course comes from your homework assignments and quizzes.

Where can I find the homework assignments?

The homework will be posted on the course website (www.purdue.edu/freeform/me274) under the Homework/Discussion link.

Where can I get help with homework?

The course website can be used 24/7 for any questions regarding the course. Homework assistance is also available in the ME 274 tutorial room and instructor office hours. Staffed hours of operation will be announced in class.

What is the appropriate homework format?

Homework must be submitted in the correct format, as shown on the attached sheet in this handout. In particular, you must include statements of “Given” and “Find”, and your sketch of the problem, when a figure is supplied in the problem statement.

How do I submit the homework?

Homework will be submitted via Gradescope and is due at 11:59 PM on the day of the next regular class period after it is assigned. Homework is to be submitted as a scan or by direct electronic inking on a tablet. **The submission format must be a SINGLE PDF file. Do not submit image files such as JPEG, PNG, TIFF, etc.** You may use your mobile device to make a PDF scan the homework, e.g., with the scanning functionality of Dropbox, or apps such as Camscan or Scannable.

Is late homework accepted?

No late homework will be accepted.

How is each homework set graded?

Each homework set consists of two problems and has a maximum possible grade of 10. One of the two problems is chosen on each set for grading.

Are there extra credit (bonus points) opportunities?

Yes, there are a number of ways of receiving bonus points in the course.

- You are allowed to miss 3 of the 39 homework sets for the semester without a loss of points. If you submit more than 36 homework sets, these will count toward bonus points.
- You can receive up to 40 homework bonus points in the course for blog participation. Please see the Blog Participation page of this handout.
- You can receive bonus points for participating in the mid-term and end-of-semester course evaluations. Contact your instructor for more information.

What is the format of the quizzes?

Quizzes will not be announced. The specific quiz policy for your course section will be explained by the instructors during class.