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# 60 is the **NEW 50**

## OLD GRADING SCHEME

### 6-Weeks Grading Scheme

- each 6-weeks counted 25% of the semester grade
- final exam counted 25% of the semester grade
- students had to accumulate 278 points to pass the semester ( $69.5 \times 4 = 278$ )
- example – student earns or is given a 50 for the first 6-weeks.

1 <sup>st</sup> 6-weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> 6-weeks	3 <sup>rd</sup> 6-weeks	<b>Final</b>	Course Average
50	70	70	<b>88</b>	70 (69.5)

- Every point above a 70 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks lowers the needed final exam score by one point.
- **Every point above a 70 on the average of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> six weeks lowers the needed final exam score by two points.**

## CURRENT GRADING SCHEME

### 9-Week Grading Scheme

- each 9-weeks counts 40% of the semester grade
- final exam counts 20% of the semester grade
- students have to accumulate 348 points to pass the semester ( $69.5 \times 5 = 348$ )
  - o each 9-weeks has twice the weight of the final exam; they count as 2X
  - o final exam counts once; it counts as X
  - o  $1^{\text{st}} \text{ 9-weeks} + 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ 9-weeks} + \text{final} = 2X + 2X + X = 5X = 5(69.5) = 347.5 = 348$
- example – student earns or is given a 50 for the first 9-weeks.

1 <sup>st</sup> 9-weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9-weeks	<b>Final</b>	Course Average
50	70	<b>108 (107.5)</b>	70 (69.5)

- example – minimum of a 60

1 <sup>st</sup> 9-weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9-weeks	<b>Final</b>	Course Average
<b>60</b>	70	<b>88 (87.5)</b>	70 (69.5)

- example – minimum of a 65

1 <sup>st</sup> 9-weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9-weeks	<b>Final</b>	Course Average
<b>65</b>	70	<b>78 (77.5)</b>	70 (69.5)

- **Every 1 point above a 70 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks lowers the needed final exam score by two point.**