



yourself before moving ahead. Answers are given, and it may be tempting to simply read the question and the answer/explanation, but you will never know if you truly understand the concepts unless you first reflect on and answer the question yourself, before comparing your solution to the given one.

- Working with other students and discussing the ideas with them can be very beneficial. Even though you are required to write your own solutions in your own words when completing assignments, you are also encouraged to study and discuss ideas with others. Much can be learned from explaining ideas to a peer.
- When writing up homework problems, it is essential that you give complete explanations and explain your thinking (how you got the answer). A “naked answer” (like “12” or “rectangle”) will not receive credit. Acceptable responses will be of the form “the answer is \_\_\_\_\_ **because** . . .”

**Assessment:** Assessment of your progress will take place through graded assignments, quizzes, tests, examinations, and class participation.

**Quizzes** may be given at any time and will usually be unannounced. Missed quizzes cannot be made up. The lowest quiz score will be eliminated from the final grade; all other quizzes will be counted. (Quizzes will likely total between 100 and 150 points.)

**Mid-term exam** will be given on **Thursday, October 12**. This is the last class before the “conference day weekend.” There will be **NO DEVIATIONS** to this schedule. The mid-term exam will be over all of the geometry and measurement units covered to date. (Mid-term exam: 100 points.)

**Final exam** will be given according to the published NMU exam schedule (Monday, December 11, 10:00–11:50). It will be a comprehensive exam covering the entire course. (Final exam: 200 points.)

**Two other tests** will be given, one before the mid-term exam and one between the mid-term and final. Dates and further details will be given in class approximately one week before the respective tests. (These tests: 100 points each.)

**Homework** assignments will be recorded. Selected assignments or parts of assignments will be graded. Missed or late assignments will not be credited. The lowest homework grade will be eliminated from the final grade; all others will be counted. (Homework will likely total approximately 200 points.)

**Class attendance and active class participation** will be weighed into the final grade. (A maximum of 100 points can be earned for perfect attendance and active class participation. Points will be deducted for classes missed, for late arrivals, and for lack of participation.)

**Grading:** Points will be assigned for quizzes, tests and examinations, homework, and class participation. Your grade will be determined by the percentage of the total possible points that you earn, as follows:

A=93-100%; A-=90-92%; B+=88-89%; B=83-87%; B-=80-82%; C+=78-79%; C=73-77%; C-=70-72%; D=60-69%; F=below 60%

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