

Explanation of Quiz Grades

Each quiz is worth a total of 10 points. You are allowed to drop the lowest quiz grade at the end of the semester, so the total for both quizzes is 20 points, or 1/5 of your final grade.

Your score on each quiz depends on how many correct responses you provide. Essentially, you get full credit (0.5 points) for all correct responses, and partial credit for incorrect responses, on a sliding scale. The scale is shown on the table below. Note that you earn 2.0 points simply for showing up and taking the quiz. You must answer at least 12 questions correctly in order to get a "C" on the quiz.

No. Correct	Score	No. Correct	Score
20	10	10	6.0
19	9.8	9	5.6
18	9.5	8	5.4
17	9.2	7	4.8
16	8.8	6	4.4
15	8.4	5	4.0
14	8.0	4	3.6
13	7.5	3	3.2
12	7.0	2	2.8
11	6.5	1	2.4
		0	2.0

In some cases, you may get partial credit for a response that is incorrect, but is close to the correct response (e.g. on fill-in-the-blank questions). For partial credit, your score will fall half-way between the scores indicated on the table.

You should check the scoring on returned quizzes carefully to be sure you received proper credit for all of your responses, and to be sure the final score was added up correctly. Let the instructor know if you find an error.

You can challenge any quiz question if you believe a question was ambiguous, or if you can make a case for your response even though it was marked as incorrect.

Write a note with an explanation for your response, and why you believe it should be correct, and submit it to the instructor. If the instructor finds your argument to have merit, you will get full credit for the response (and if your challenge is particularly thoughtful, you may get additional credit). Be aware that if you challenge the question, and the instructor finds your challenge to be invalid, he may also opt to lower your score.