Grading policy: There will be 5 individual project assignments and one final group project. The lowest grade on an individual project will be dropped, and the remaining 4 are each worth 15% of the final grade. The final project is worth 40% of the final grade.

Late policy: Each student has 7 late days which can be used at any time, no prior permission or notice required, unless more than 3 are to be used on any single assignment. Once these 7 days are used up, each late day results on a penalty of 10% per day on an assignment, until that assignment is handed back (at which point no credit is possible). There are no late days for the final project. Instead there will be a recommended soft due date of the last class, and a hard deadline following sometime afterwards.

Cooperation policy: Students are encouraged to discuss the contents of the class, including details of specific algorithms or methods appearing in the lectures or readings. Actual write-ups of the individual assignments, including project code, should be done individually. The university and department academic dishonesty policies apply. The final project can be done either individually or in a group. The required scale of the project will increase with the size of the group (more details on the final project guidelines).