

CMSC201

Computer Science I for Majors

GRS Week 01 – GRS “Grades”

Lab Grades

- This semester, CMSC 201 has 13 weekly labs
- Each lab is graded out of 10 points, and the points awarded are based on completion
- We will only count the 10 highest scores
 - In other words, we drop the lowest 3 scores

GRS Scores

- Your section of CMSC 201 has 13 weekly Guided Review Sessions (GRS)
- GRS does not have “grades,” and you are not awarded points based on completion
 - Your GRS “grade” is attendance based alone
- Your GRS attendance for each week is tied to your lab score for that week

GRS Scores

- Just like how we drop the 3 lowest lab scores, you will have 3 excused absences from GRS
- Once you've used up your 3 absences, each subsequent absence will result in a score of zero for that week's lab
 - That week's lab will hopefully be one of the ones we drop, but it depends on your other lab scores

Lab/GRS Example

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lab	10	10	10	9	10	10	0	9	8	8	10	10	10
GRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓

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Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lab	10	10	10	9	10	10	0	9	8	8	10	10	10
GRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓

- In this case, the student did not miss more than 3 weeks of GRS, so we will just drop the 3 lowest lab scores (the 0, 8, and 8) to calculate their final grade
 - They end up with 98/100 points for their lab score

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Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lab	10	10	10	9	10	10	0	9	8	8	10	10	10
GRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

- This is another student with the same exact lab scores, but with much sparser GRS attendance

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Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lab	10	10	10	9	10	10	0	9	8	8	10	10	10
GRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

- In this case, the student skipped Week 7 of GRS, because they already missed the lab that week
- They also skipped GRS at the end of the semester, although they continued to go to lab

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Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lab	10	10	10	9	10	10	0	9	8	8	0	0	0
GRS	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗

- These 4th, 5th, and 6th absences become zeroes
 - They earn 84/100 points for their lab score
 - “One percent” may seem pointless now, but it can make a huge difference if you have an 79.2% at the end of the semester

Other Impacts on Your Grade

- Guided Review Sessions are meant first and foremost to help you learn
 - The weekly labs have the same purpose
- Skipping GRS means you're not taking advantage of the resources available to you
 - You may be negatively affecting your grade on other portions of this class as well!
- Attend GRS each week, just like you attend lab