ME 433 Grades

General Information
- The grades for this course are available on Penn State's Canvas system at http://canvas.psu.edu/.
- Grades are updated regularly during the semester.
- The Teaching Assistant (TA) will grade all homework. **Do not ask Professor Cimbala about homework grading issues** – Ask the TA instead.
- Quizzes are graded electronically by Canvas. Professor Cimbala can modify a quiz grade if necessary, but only under extreme circumstances. See Professor Cimbala for all questions about quizzes and/or the final exam. The TA has nothing to do with the quizzes or the final exam – **do not ask the TA about quizzes or the final exam** – ask Professor Cimbala instead.
- **Late Policy**: **Canvas will automatically deduct 20% per day for late homework and late quizzes**. Note that a Canvas "day" starts immediately at 12:00 midnight between the due date and the day after the due date.

Grading Scale
Professor Cimbala has adopted the following standard recommended grading scale for all his courses:

Cut-off score (%)	Letter grade
93	A
90	A-
87	B+
83	B
80	B-
77	C+
70	C
60	D
<60	F

This grading scale is *not* open to negotiation. If you end up just below one of the cut-offs, Professor Cimbala will look very carefully at your final exam a second time to see if he missed something that could give you an extra point or two. If so, he may adjust the score and push you to the higher grade. It is inevitable that someone's final course score lands just below the borderline. However, during the semester, if you have an unresolved issue with a quiz or HW grade, send Professor Cimbala an email about it. Rather than change the score, he will often put you on his "Students on the Border" folder. At the end of the semester, if you end up just below one of the above grade cutoffs, he will look more carefully at your issue and *may* change the score (at his discretion).

Final Grade Distribution
There is a short quiz after most of the video lessons. I expect to have a total of 70 quizzes this semester. To keep the grade calculations clean and to give students a bit of a break, I directed Canvas to drop the lowest 10 quiz grades so that the total quiz grade is averaged over the 60 highest quiz scores. There are 15 homework assignments, but we drop the lowest homework score also (count the highest 14 scores). There is a final exam. Here are the grade weights:

- **Homework =** **21%** Each homework is (21%)/14 = **1.5%** of final course grade (after dropping lowest one).
- **Quizzes =** **60%** Each quiz is **1%** of final course grade (after dropping lowest ten).
- **Final Exam =** **19%** The final exam is **19%** of final course grade.

Grade Calculator
You can calculate your course grade using the following formula, where all homework, quiz, and exam scores are reported as 0 to 100 points. The final score then ranges from 0 to 100 points.

$$\text{Score} = [\ (\text{sum of 14 highest homework scores}) / 14\ ]*0.21$$
$$+ [\ (\text{sum of your 60 highest quiz scores}) / 60\ ]*0.60$$
$$+ (\text{Final Exam score})*0.19$$