Grading: category | points possible | X | your % in category | = | your points in category
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quizzes (several/week) | 20 | X | =
experiments/lab work | 20 | X | =
exams | 40 | X | =
final exam | 20 | X | =
total | 100 | your grade

Grades: A 89 - 100 points  B 79-88  C 69-78  D 57-68  F < 57

Using the graded work returned to you, determine your percentage in each of the above categories.

Grades at Midterm
At midterm, no scores are dropped, and your grade does not include the final. Therefore at midterm your grade is based on the following breakdown:

- quizzes: 25 (20 out of 80 w/o the final)
- experiments: 25 (20 out of 80 w/o the final)
- exams: 50 (40 out of 80 w/o the final)

Student example: Suppose this student had the following percentages from their work at midterm

- experiments: 85%
- quizzes: 70%
- exams: 75%

This student's midterm grade would be calculated as follows

- experiments: 85% of a possible 25 = 21.25
- quizzes: 70% of a possible 25 = 17.5
- exams: 75% of a possible 50 = 37.5

= from a possible 100 76.25 is this student's score (sum of contributions from each category)

A C grade would be reported for this student at midterm.

Final Course Grades
Lowest quiz grades, lab grades, and exam grades are dropped. Be certain to adjust your totals accordingly in calculating your percentages in each category. For example in the example below, suppose a student had hour exam scores of 68, 80, 75, and 65. The 65 would be dropped, leaving an exam percentage of 223/300 (three exams) = 74.3%.

Student example: Suppose this student had the following percentages from their work at semester's end

- experiments: 91%
- quizzes: 76%
- exams: 74.3%
- final: 80%

This student's midterm grade would be calculated as follows

- experiments: 91% of a possible 20 = 18.20
- quizzes: 76% of a possible 20 = 15.20
- exams: 74.3% of a possible 40 = 29.72
- final: 80% of a possible 20 = 16.00

= from a possible 100 79.12 is this student's score (sum of contributions from each category)

A  B grade would be reported for this student's final course grade.