CS 491 - Combinatorial Optimization - Policies and Procedures

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The following policies and procedures will be in effect for the duration of the class:

1. Check the class Web-site at http://www.csee.wvu.edu/~ksmani/courses/combopt/comb.html on a regular basis. Lecture notes, Research pointers, Quizzes and Exams will be posted on this page. It is your responsibility to download the material and use it;

2. 50% of your grade will be determined by your project; I shall be discussing some project ideas in class, but you are free to work on projects which you find interesting after obtaining prior permission from me.

3. Both the midterm and final exams are take-home.

4. You are expected to prepare at least one set of Lecture Notes. I require that Lecture Notes have the following format:

   (a) The problem that is being studied should be stated clearly in a box;
   (b) Before stating the problem in mathematical form, give a verbal description of the problem;
   (c) All algorithms should be in boxes;
   (d) Ideas are best conveyed through pictures; use them extensively;
   (e) Do not copy proofs of theorems from the textbook. I expect you to understand the theorem and explain it in your own words;
   (f) Keep spelling and grammatical errors to a minimum;
   (g) For additional pointers, please refer to the Lecture Notes on http://www.csee.wvu.edu/~ksmani/courses/approx/approx.html (especially Lecture Notes XI).