

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*).