GRADING POLICY FOR THE COURSE

1. EXAMS

Each of the two exams will consist of 20 true-false questions and will be graded with an integer from 0 to 20. The average of the two exam grades divided by 5 will be your *exam score* (a number from 0 to 4, usually not an integer).

2. CLASS PARTICIPATION

Based on its frequency and quality, class participation will be graded with 4 (A), 3 (B), 2 (C), 1 (D), or 0 (F). This grade will be your *class participation score*. To get an A, you need to speak at least once every week; to get at least a B, you need to speak at least once every two weeks; to get at least a C, you need to speak at least once every three weeks; and to get at least a D, you need to speak at least once every four weeks. These are not sufficient conditions (the quality of what you say also matters), but they are necessary. Although attendance is not required, lack of attendance can hurt your participation grade: for example, if you miss a whole week of classes and for that reason you do not speak in class during that week, then you will not satisfy the necessary condition for getting an A, and thus you will not get an A.

3. TERM PAPER

There is a separate handout with the grading policy for the term paper. The paper will get a letter grade (from A to F), which will be converted to a number according to the scale used by the University of Wisconsin-Madison (A→4.0, AB→3.5, B→3.0, BC→2.5, C→2.0, D→1.0, F→0.0). This number will be your *paper score* (a number from 0 to 4, usually not an integer).

4. COURSE SCORE AND GRADE

The weighted sum of (1) your exam score (weighted by 40%), (2) your class participation score (weighted by 30%), and (3) your paper score (weighted by 30%) will be your *course score* (a number from 0 to 4, usually not an integer), and (except as noted below) will be converted to your *course grade* as follows (scores at cutoff points correspond to the higher grade):

Course score	0.0-0.7	0.7-1.4	1.4-2.2	2.2-2.7	2.7-3.2	3.2-3.7	3.7-4.0
Grade	F	D	C	BC	B	AB	A

Note that the course grade will be F if you fail to submit a term paper or you submit a term paper that gets an F.