Assignment submission policy:

Assignments will account for 100% of the course grade. There will be no timed, in classroom, examinations. Homework will be assigned up to 10 times, with due dates ranging from one to two weeks later. You should turn in your assignment exactly as described in the preamble of the posted assignment pdf files. **No other method will be accepted**, except in extreme circumstances and will prior approval of the instructor.

Delayed assignment policy:

Occasionally you may not be able to complete an assignment on time. As soon as you know that you will not be able to meet the deadline for an assignment you must contact the instructor to request an extension. Requests will be considered in a case-by-case basis, with no guarantee of being granted. You may not request an extension after the due date. If you are granted an extension you must pledge to not review any solutions that have been posted on the course website.

Pledged assignment policy:

- The pledge status of an assignment will be clearly expressed in the preamble for each assignment. Read the preamble clearly to establish the parameters of the assignment.
- Most of the assignments will be unpledged - that is, you are encouraged to work together with your fellow students in completing these assignments. It is probably a good idea to form groups or teams that work together throughout the semester, but that is up to you. I don’t care whether you actually get together or not, as you can work by email almost as well.
- If you work together in groups, everyone must turn in their own version of the assignment.
- The emphasis on collaboration is very deliberate: writing software can be an enormously time-consuming process, and the quickest way to get yourself out of trouble is to show your code (that doesn’t work) to someone else. You will learn a lot from your fellow students, possibly more than you learn from the instructor.
- To facilitate evaluation, up to three of the assignments will be pledged, ie. to be done individually, without assistance, and turned with the standard Rice honor pledge written as part of the text. These three assignments will account for 40% of your grade; each will correspond to and require mastery of one of the three main sections of the course, and may involve a more elaborate project.

Special \LaTeX{}assignment policy:

Each student will be assigned the task of typesetting notes for one lecture using the \LaTeX{}type-setting tool set. This is an important exercise and will count for 10% of your grade. You will be expected to create a two to three page description of the material covered in the lecture that includes useful information presented, sections of source code, web links, figures, and references included in a bibliography. You are expected to elaborate on the material provided in class and should draw on several external resources.

You should submit your detailed lecture notes within one week of the lecture that you have described. Your notes will then be posted on the course web site with attribution [ when you submit the notes you must indicate to the instructor the name (if any) you wish to be associated with the document on the course website ].