Introduction to the course, methods, homework assignments, in class assessments, exams, and grading

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Course Plan

- Instructor: Çetin Kaya Koç
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- Course Webpage: http://my.sehir.edu.tr/uni103
- Classes: Mondays 9:00-11:00am & Tuesdays 12:00-1:00pm
- Homework assignment every other week: Answer a set of questions or write a 1-page essay
- In class assessments: Quizzes, every week
- The Midterm & the Final Exam: TBA
Weekly Plan

- Monday (the first 30 minutes):
  Return of the homework assignment (on odd numbered weeks)
  Discussion of the last week’s material
  Questions to the class via web; 5-7 minutes of time is given
  Answers and answering students are noted via web

- Monday (the remaining 1.5 hours): This week’s lecture starts
  Questions to the class via web; 5-7 minutes of time is given
  Answers and answering students are noted via web

- Tuesday (1 hour): Lecture continues
  Homework assignment is given every even week
  Questions to the class via web; 5-7 minutes of time is given
  Answers and answering students are noted via web
Etiquette

• Cellphones are always off during the class

• Laptops are required during the lecture

• No talking in groups, no dialogues

• Falling asleep is OK but I may wake you :)

• Eating or drinking is OK but no noise or movement

• What to call your professor? :)
  
  **Right:** “Dr. Koç” … “Professor Koç” … “Professor” … “Hocam”
  
  **Wrong:** “Doctor” … “Dr. Çetin” … “Prof. Çetin” … “Teacher”
• Copying others’ assignments is considered “cheating”

• Identical or near-identical homework assignments get ZEROs

• The repeat of this behavior will trigger the University Academic Honesty policy

• Attempts to copy from others (or other sources) during the exams will trigger the University Academic Honesty policy

• Verbatim copying from other sources is considered “plagiarism”, and this will trigger the University Academic Honesty policy
Grading

• Homework % 25
• In class questions % 25
• Midterm % 25
• Final exam % 25
• Absence from Midterm or Final: You get zero!
• Late Homework: 50 % reduction per day
Secret of Academic Success

• Come to class to learn, re-learn, re-check your knowledge
• Pay attention during class — do not chat, surf, FB, email or etc..
• Be attentive; don’t work hard .. think hard
• Be creative and look for the extraordinary
• Readings and homework assignments during week/weekend
• Don’t procrastinate on assignments or readings
• Do not miss midterm and final exam

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