





## Exams:

There will be four exams. There will be three exams each covering 1/3 of the course material and one comprehensive final. The exams will consist of multiple choice questions, short essays, short exercises and long problems.

## Final Grade:

Your final grade will be determined by your performance on your homework (both graded and ungraded) and the four exams.

## Get Up to Speed with PLATO:

Before the semester begins, make sure you are ready for the online experience. Visit the following websites to learn everything from "how to login", to "checking your browser configuration."

[http://www.wsc.ma.edu/plato/Seven\\_Steps\\_To\\_Logging\\_Into\\_Vista.html](http://www.wsc.ma.edu/plato/Seven_Steps_To_Logging_Into_Vista.html)

[http://www.webct.com/tuneup/viewpage?name=tuneup\\_browser\\_troubleshoot](http://www.webct.com/tuneup/viewpage?name=tuneup_browser_troubleshoot)

## What You Should Know Before Taking This Course:

- # You should read the information at this two sites:  
<http://www.wsc.ma.edu/plato/gettingstarted.html>  
[http://www.wsc.ma.edu/plato/Are\\_Online\\_Courses\\_For\\_Me.html](http://www.wsc.ma.edu/plato/Are_Online_Courses_For_Me.html)
- # You must have access to a computer. It should have high speed internet access. (the videos are almost impossible to download with a dial-up connection). If you do not have access or cannot get access to high speed internet you will be required to use the computers on campus in the computer lab's to do your work.
- # You should plan on attending the orientation session previous to the start of class.
- # You need to know how to add attachments to e-mails and discussions within Plato.
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using. You should know how to disable some of the above software if it interferes with downloading some of our files.

- # You should be able to carry on an educated conversation about your computer and your software with the people at the CIT HELP desk if you do encounter problems.
- # You need to realize that technical issues do come up. Think about this when you are planning out your work schedule. Plan to get your work in early whenever possible in case your system goes down or you encounter some other technical issue.
- # This course will probably take more time than a live course. You should be planning on at least three hours a week for video presentation coverage which is in place of the three classroom hours you normally have. You should then be planning on a minimum of six to ten hour a week for homework and studying. For most students this is the minimum amount required to be successful in this class. Some of you may need more time.



Questions? E-mail me at: [cirujo@wsc.ma.edu](mailto:cirujo@wsc.ma.edu)

*Please note that this is a generic overview of the course. The official course syllabus will be available to you once the course begins. Some things in the final course schedule may be different from this overview.*