

End of Semester Options in Bio301D

Now that early totals are posted, you know whether you are at a satisfactory grade or need to keep working. Here are the ways to get more points. You are free to do any one, few, or all of these. You should choose based on how many points you need and where you can get them. Check the syllabus to understand how the total is determined – it is not simply a sum of everything but involves dropping the lowest of 4 exams, lowest of 4 homeworks, and dropping several quiz-equivalents.

1) You may challenge the grading of HW3 and Exam 3. Be aware that a baseless challenge can reduce your score (as per the syllabus). If you challenge HW3, your HW will be regraded blindly, and the new score will replace the old – no matter which way it goes.

2) Take Exam 4. The number of points toward your total that you will gain will be your EX4 total minus the lowest of your exams 1-3. Say that you got 85 on Exam 4 and had 90, 77, and 88 on exams 1-3. Your total would go up $85 - 77 = 8$ points.

3) Turn in HW4. Again, the number of points toward your total that you go up is your HW 4 score minus the lowest of your HW1-3. If you got 34 on each of HW1-3, then you cannot gain any points by doing HW4. But if you got 29, 34 and 34, you could go up 5 points with a 34 on HW4.

4) Take more quizzes. Only your 8 highest quiz (or quiz equivalent) scores count. You have done 8 formal quizzes, plus a survey that counts as a quiz, and you may also have Squarecap credits for quizzes. So at this point, you have 11 scores that count as quiz equivalents. Your total has already dropped the lowest 3. So look at your 8 highest quiz-equivalent scores to decide how much you might go up. You have 3 more quizzes, and you might be close enough that you can get a SquareCap quiz credit in the remaining days (you can get at most 2 of those for the semester, and you may already have those). For the first SquareCap credit, you need 10 SquareCap lectures in which you correctly answered a threshold number of questions. For the second SquareCap credit, you need 18 such lectures. (The first day and both Exam 1 review lectures are not counted toward this total.) Lecture gave you information on what those thresholds were.