

Determination of Points for Lab (Discussion Section)

We refer to sections as “labs.” They are a hub of active learning where you work with the concepts introduced in the readings and in lecture. Labs will be run on the small group format, with work to be completed in groups each day. 10% of your course grade (50 points) will depend upon your participation in lab. You are required to do four things.

[1] In the first section, there will be a math pre-assessment (quiz). If you score less than or equal to 3 of the 4 possible points, you can increase your score to the full 4 points possible by subsequently working on your math skills with one of the department’s (free) graduate student tutors. (4 points possible)

The math assessment will cover the math skills that are necessary for success in Econ 1. You can prepare by reviewing Chapter 1 of the textbook (either Micro or Macro, same chapter). Links to the department’s graduate student tutors are at <https://www.econ.berkeley.edu/undergrad/home/tutoring>. Everyone – those enrolled & those on the waitlist – should take the math assessment in their first section. Scores will be released via gradescope.

[2] In each lecture, an exercise (“the Blue & Gold Exercises”) is distributed. You are to complete the B&G exercise and take it to the section following lecture where your GSI will check to be sure it has been completed. No late B&G exercises accepted. (Max of 20 points will be counted although 26 are possible; points based on attempt not on accuracy.)

You receive 1 point per day for this activity, based on attempt not on accuracy. The maximum number of points available and the maximum number of points you can receive for activity #2 over the term is 20.

[3] Each section, you will discuss that day’s reader article(s) and do small-group work on problems (“the section exercises”). You may occasionally have in-section quizzes. Your GSI will provide more information in section. Absences result in 0 points for that day. (1 point per day; max of 20 points will be counted although 24 are possible.)

You receive 1 point per day for taking part in this activity and contributing to your group’s success. The maximum number of points you can receive for activity #3 over the term is 20.

[4] After MT1 and MT2, you’ll complete a “post-exam reflection” – a series of questions inviting you to reflect on how you prepared for the exam and whether you want to make adjustments to your preparation. You’ll submit the reflection on bCourses within 7 days of the exam. No late submission allowed. (3 points per reflection; points based on completion.)

You receive up to 6 points, 3 for each reflection. There are no late submissions allowed. Watch bCourses and email for the assignment.