

Agronomy 354
Fall 2009 Grading and Exams

	Points
Four Hourly Exams ^a (70 points each) Sept. 16, Oct. 7, Oct. 28, Nov. 18	280
Five Problem Sets ^b (20 points each) Due ca. one week after assigned	100
Computer Sampling Problem ^c Due ca. one week after assigned	25
Attendance (six pre-selected but unannounced dates) ^d (5 points each)	30
Final (week of Dec. 14) ^e	100
TOTAL	535

- ^a Exams will cover material since last examination. Instructor will announce format and specific units to be covered about 1 week before exam.
- ^b The problem sets are designed to give you practice in working problems. These are typical problems and are not intended to be tricky or difficult...similar problems might appear on exams. You will be given ca. one week after the problem sets are handed out to submit for grading. Each problem set will consist of five problems. You are to show your work and indicate your answer in the space provided. You may work together to complete the problem set but each student must submit his/her own work (no photocopies). **Check the course homepage for sample problems.**
- ^c You will have an opportunity to sample a 40-acre tract of land following the rules of good soil sampling as discussed in [ISU Pm 287](#). Information will be provided on a web site. This should be a fun exercise.
- ^d The attendance dates have been selected at the beginning of the term. **Attending class is important for you to get the most from this class.** If you must miss class, inform the instructor in person or by e-mail BEFORE the date missed. If you attend class, sign the form, and leave before the end of class, you will receive zero points for attendance that day.
- ^e The final will consist approximately one-half of material since the last examination and one-half older material to give you an opportunity to review course content.

NOTE: Possible points for late assignments except for problem sets will be reduced 10% per day M-F. After a problem set has been graded and returned, maximum possible points for a late assignment is one-half. Make-up exams will be given only for extenuating circumstances (notify the instructor that you will be absent before the exam is given).