

## How to Get an A from Mr. Vins (updated 7/11/11)

1. Homework (30% of grade)
  - a. Do it early. Turn it in on time. The deadline is the day of the chapter quiz.
  - b. Write out the questions. Write answers in full sentences when required. Show your work when doing calculations. Be neat. Do not turn in pages torn out of spiral notebooks. Only one assignment should be on a page.
  - c. Put your name, class hour, date, assignment chapter, section, page number, and problem numbers in the heading. Typed or handwritten in ink is OK, but pencil is recommended, especially for problems that require calculations.
  - d. All the homework questions are on the web site with the notes for each chapter. You can cut and paste if you work better on a computer rather than hand-writing the assignments. If Mr. Vins suspects students are electronically copying work from each other, this option will be eliminated and everyone will have to turn in handwritten work only!
2. Notebook (30% of grade)
  - a. Fill out the five required items every day that a new section is started: [1] Section Number and Title (with date), [2] Objectives, [3] Homework, [4] New Terms, and [5] Warm-ups . The first four items can be obtained from the notes on the web site. The fifth item, the warm-up questions, will be on the board every day.
  - b. Be sure you get a quadrille composition book. No spiral or tear-out notebooks will be accepted. Be neat. Pencil is recommended, but not required. Start each new section on a new page. Don't tear out any pages. Don't draw, doodle, or write non-academic notes in the notebook.
  - c. Leave the notebook in the box for your class and hour. They may be graded at any time, and if it's not in the box you will get a zero. If you need to take the notebook home to study, ask Mr. Vins first.
3. Quizzes (30% of grade)
  - a. Most of the questions for the quizzes come straight out of the textbook. All questions are posted on the web site (but not the answers). The actual quizzes contain the same questions, but the order of the questions, and possibly the order of the multiple choice answers, has been rearranged.
  - b. Pay attention to the warm-ups. That's where you can get the answers if you don't already have them figured out. Don't wait until the night before, or the hour before, the quiz to study. Study not only the questions and answers, but WHY the answers are what they are.
  - c. There are no retests! Get it right the first time or deal with the consequences. If you are absent the day of the quiz, you must schedule time outside of regular class time to take the quiz you missed.
4. Final Exam (10% of grade)
  - a. You can earn exemption from the final exam by getting 99% or better on your semester average grade. All the questions on the final exam are taken from chapter quizzes.