Grading and Exams

Note: Old test files are available on the WEB at:

http://www.agron.iastate.edu/courses/agron354/

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| 6 50 pt. quizzes (approx. every other Friday)
  Computer Problem due date:
  Or writing assignment
  Problem sets 4, 25 points each
  Attendance (five pre-selected but unannounced dates)
  Final (week of April 30) | 300   |

TOTAL 550

1 Exams will cover material since the last examination.
2 The computer problem involves soil sampling and will be handed out on a computer disk about one week before the due date. Points will be reduced 10% per day M-F late (I expect items to be handed-in on time).
3 Two current topics worth 25 points each will be assigned about one week before they are due. These are intended to have the student analyze some component of soil fertility and provide a 200-word written summary report. Submission by e-mail is encouraged. Approximately 50% of the grade will be based on content and 50% on presentation (grammar, construction, organization, readability, etc.) Points will be reduced 10% per day M-F if not handed in on due dates.
4 The attendance dates have been selected at the beginning of the term. You may have a good reason (educational, medical, etc.) for not attending class on a specific day but, for this purpose, you are either in or not in attendance.

For those wishing additional experiences in soil fertility laboratory procedures, consider taking Agronomy 354L for 1 credit. It meets T 12-3, T 3-6, or R 2-5.

Make up exams: If you miss a regularly scheduled exam a make up exam can be scheduled as long as you notified the instructor that you would be absent before the exam. Make up exams will be oral exams and must be completed within five class days of the exam that was missed unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Please see the General Catalog concerning ownership of course-related presentations, where specific written permission to sell notes or recordings must be obtained from the presenter.

Cell phones: If you carry a cell phone either turn it off or turn the ring to vibrate while in class.

The purpose of this course is for the student to gain an understanding of the principles of soil fertility and soil-plant relationships.