

Grading Policy (Subject to changes)

The percentage weights are given in the Course Guidelines at:

<http://www.physics.metu.edu.tr/genphys/guides.html>

According to the percentage weights each student gets a total grade out of 100 like 95, 48, 37, 18 etc.

For the course, a "number of students versus grades" curve is plotted in each semester. This is called "the grade distribution curve" or only the "curve". At the end of the semester, the instructors of the course meet as the Committee of Instructors. The Committee use "the curve" and other arguments over the course, and estimate the letter grade borders. Each student is assigned a letter grade according to the estimated borders.

According to the Regulations, only the Registrar's Office may announce the letter grades on the day in the Academic Calendar whose link is in the METU Main page. The instructors do not announce the letter grades and their borders.

Notices:

The grade borders are estimated by the Committee and each student's letter grade is assigned according to this estimation. An instructor has no right to make any change in a letter grade assigned by the Committee.

A student is not permitted to ask for a special letter grade other than the grade assigned by the Committee. Otherwise the rights of the other students are violated and a student has no right to ask for such a violation.

A student may have a grade 5 points above or below the AVERAGE, but a grade can not be 5 points above or below the CURVE. Curve IS NOT average, as heat IS NOT temperature.

After the clear information given above, the students are expected that they do not ask questions about the grading policy and the grades anymore.