

Part III Chapter 4: Determining Final Course Grades

The semester final grade is obtained from the two nine-week grades and the semester examination grade. Each nine-week grade counts $2/5^{\text{th}}$ of the semester final grade and the semester final examination grade counts $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the semester grade. The determination of the semester final grade can be simplified by restating the problem as follows:

Examples:

	<u>1st 9 wks</u>	<u>2nd 9 wks</u>	<u>Sem Exam</u>	<u>Final Grade</u>
Original grade on report card	B	C	B	
Restatement	B B	C C	B	→ B

The semester final grade is determined by using the **RULE OF PREDOMINANCE**. However, a student, in order to obtain a passing final semester grade, must receive a passing grade in two of the three grading categories.

Special Circumstances:

Students will receive a failing grade for the semester in the following situations:

- If the student fails to take the final exam, for the purposes of this rule, merely attending, but not completing the examination questions, does not constitute taking the final exam
- If the student fails two quarters, or a quarter and the final
- If the student is removed from class for disciplinary reasons or chronic absenteeism
- If the student fails to demonstrate mastery of a significant course outcome (see below)

Exceptions to these situations require specific administrative approval.