Flight Instructor Fundamentals
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How Grades will be calculated Fall 2008

There will be a total of five (5) scores that will be averaged together to determine the final grade. The first four of these scores will come from the following tests:

- Test One  September 11, 2008 on teaching Airspace
- Test Two  October 7, 2008 on teaching Aerodynamics
- Test Three November 4, 2008 on teaching Airplane Systems
- Test Four/Final Exam December 9, 2008 on Flight Instructor Responsibilities

These four tests “weigh” the same. Test Four/Final Exam is not comprehensive. The fifth score will be made up from an average of fours class projects. This “combination” score will be calculated from: 1) Lesson Plan/FITS project; 2) Fundamentals of Instructing Exam; 3) Ground Instructor Exam; and 4) Ground Instructor Certificate.

The Lesson Plan project will be discussed in class on November 6, 2008 and will be due on November 18, 2008. Lesson Plan Projects will not be accepted late. The Fundamentals of Instruction (FOI) knowledge test must be taken and a copy of the test results turned in on or before the due date. The student then selects one of the three possible Ground Instructor knowledge tests (Basic, Instrument, Advanced). The Ground Instructor test that is selected by the student must be taken and a copy of the test results turned in on or before the due date. The grade must be at least 70% on both tests for acceptance as part of the “combination” score and the due date for both tests results is November 11, 2008. No credit is awarded for tests turned in after November 11, 2008.

Finally, on or before December 2, 2008, the student must submit a copy of their FAA Ground Instructor Certificate. If a student already holds an FAA Ground Instructor Certificate before the start of the Spring 2008 semester, that student must add-on another Ground Instructor Certificate for credit in the Spring 2008 semester. There are no exceptions to these deadlines – Good planning on the student’s part is required to be successful in this class!

Test Rules: All tests in the course consist of “real world” problems, diagrams, and thought provoking essays. Tests must be taken during the class on the designated test day. You should make every effort to be present and take the test on time. If an emergency takes place, you may take a make-up exam for tests 1, 2, or 3 with prior approval. Missing a test without approval ahead of time earns the student a score of zero on that test. A make-up test, when approved, must be taken at a time and place set by the course instructor. There can be no make-up for Test Four because it is the final exam.

The final course grade will be calculated by adding together the five scores and dividing by five. The grade will never be “curved” and there is no extra credit – everyone receives the exact grade that he or she earns. The following grading scale will be use to determine the final letter grade:

A  89.50 and above
B  79.50 to 89.49
C  69.50 to 79.49
D  59.50 to 69.49
F  Below 59.50