

SHOULD YOUR  
UNIVERSITY EDUCATION  
HELP PREPARE YOU TO  
PASS THIS COURSE ?



## syllabus

**course :** life

**time and place :** MTuWThFSaSu 24 hr/day  
at locations varying from student to student

**instructors :** This course is team taught; instructors will include parents, family, various formal teachers, friends, and enemies. Much of the course will be self-instructed. Contact information on the instructors may or may not be provided during the course and may be unreliable.

**office hours :** Not known

**course description :** An interdisciplinary course in theoretical and applied control and decision theory. Topics and depth of coverage will vary from student to student, depending on time available, the ability and curiosity of the student, and other factors including Fate. Has a mandatory experimental laboratory component and an optional formal lecture (of sorts) component. Not all students will be selected for the formal component. If you are selected to take this course, you cannot refuse. If you start this course, you cannot withdraw before the final exam or take an incomplete.

**prerequisites :** None

**text :** No formal text is available

**references :** Many reference sources (including but not limited to books) will be provided and/or identified by your instructors throughout the course; many of the references will be confusing or incomplete and possibly detrimental to achieving the course objectives.

**objectives :** From time to time, your instructors will (or will not) talk with you about course objectives. As one of the instructors, you will sometimes talk to yourself about the objectives of the course.

**grading :** Each student's final grade will be determined by an external examiner. The time and criteria for the final examination are not known.

**examinations :** Your instructors (and others) will develop and administer practice examinations intended to assist you in preparing for the final exam. Some of these will be helpful, others not. Many of these practice exams will be unfair.

**homework :** Homework will be an important component of this course, but will generally not be managed very well by your instructors. The homework will be collected and graded as part of your final exam.

**recitation :** Some of the course activity will consist of *recitation* sessions where the student is expected to visibly demonstrate mastery of the course material and assist in the instruction of other students. Participation is voluntary, but highly recommended.

Grade points will be awarded to students that make successful presentations at recitation sessions.

### commentary

1. You are responsible for making yourself aware of and understanding the policies and procedures that pertain to integrity and their relevance to your final grade.
2. Grading will be on an absolute scale -- not curved.
3. Good pedagogical material created by students during the course will count toward each student's final grade.
4. All student homework, examination, or project submissions are subject to annotation, modification, reproduction and distribution by the instructors without attribution.
5. Reading and homework assignments in many cases must be inferred by each student from this syllabus and the student's situation, especially in the laboratory component of this course.
6. Any student needing special consideration in taking an exam may not get it.
7. It is impossible to cheat on the final exam.