Introduction

While we expect a lot out of the students of CMPE13, we try to load them up with everything they need to know during every section during the first week. The following information should all be run through during the first week of sections.

- Scheduling/work conflicts: Come to us with issues that you have as early as you can. Telling us the morning the assignment is due will elicit no sympathy from us.
  - Excuses that we have received that are unacceptable:
    - Traveling somewhere and getting stuck because of a bus or flight.
    - Impromptu trip to Tahoe.
- Late policy:
  - If submitted within 1 hour of the deadline, -20% off your final score. Between 1 and 12 hours after the assignment was originally due, -50% off your final score.
  - This means if you're 3 minutes late with your submission, that's 20% off. The deadline is a firm 11:59pm, please plan accordingly.
- Homework submission:
  - Done via the Unix timeshare course lockers. Documentation is on the course website.
- Getting help:
  - Sections.
  - Piazza forums. For general questions, do not post gradeable code publicly, it's cheating! Posts where you may need to post gradeable code can be made privately on Piazza.
  - General questions should be posed to the instructor, otherwise they should go on Piazza.
- Collaborating:
  - Don't cheat. This means submitting someone else's code (even if you just retyped it!) as your own. If you think the TA or teacher would be upset about what you did, THAT'S CHEATING!
- How to do the labs:
  - Start early. The last sections of an assignment week will be packed and you will not get all the help you need. Plan for this by doing your work early.
  - Attend sections. As many as you can will be helpful.
- Read the lab manual thoroughly before you start at least once. Then start coding. Some concepts are covered later in the lab manual than you would think.

- **Grading:**
  - We will aim to have labs back to you within a week. You will receive an email with your grades detailing what you did wrong.
  - Extra credit for this class will only be able to put you up to 100%, never over. This is done on a per-assignment basis. This is because since the class is curved, this hurts the people who don't do the extra credit more.

- **Regrading:**
  - Regrades are handled by the TA and must be requested via a private Piazza post within 1 week of your grade being emailed to you.
  - The regrade is done by the TA just carefully grading your assignment over from scratch. It is at this point that this is your final grade. Further appeals should be made directly to the instructor.

- **Software:**
  - All software for this class is available for free so that you may run it on your own computer. Documentation for how to do that is available on the class website.
  - Microchip's MPLAB X and XC32 compilers are available cross-platform and suggestions for serial terminal software is also provided for all 3 platforms.

- **Lab attendance:**
  - Is not taken, sections are merely for your benefit. There are no checkoffs or attendance taken. Sections are run like office hours.
  - However, if you cannot make a lab section you will likely fail, online help is only so effective. I recommend dropping if you can't attend any section.

- **How section works:**
  - Sections are office hours effectively, though we'll generally start them off with a brief little overview of the lab.
  - Please have read the lab manuals BEFORE coming to section. You will get a lot more out of the class than if you do not.
  - So the sections will work like:
    - Review any concepts from the last lab (only Friday, Monday sections)
    - Prompt the class for general conceptual questions.
    - Mention anything you think is valuable to say.
    - Tell them to get to work.