

Notes on Engineering Homework - For Future Reference

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Generally speaking, there are some things to keep in mind when turning in homework in engineering. These are things that are "common" practice, and which will be to your benefit to follow. Of course, the professor for any specific class sets the rules that are OFFICIAL for grading; the current comments are for your information.

Common Sense 101

- is it common sense? Yes. Does everyone know it? No. Do the people that know it necessarily do it? No. Therefore . . . so you have it . . .

1) Work on one side of the sheet only.

- Period. Saving paper is admirable . . . but this one is not a guideline to be trifled with.
- if you ever have to grade things, you'll understand.

2) Attach your papers together (if more than 1)

- do not hand in multiple sheets which are NOT connected.
- staple them together so half your work isn't lost.

3) Make sure your name is on your work.

- Professors are notoriously poor at guessing . . . so don't hope they'll get it right.
- other information such as course # and date are also important.

4) Turn it in on time.

- If it's due in class, turn it in at class.
- If you can't make it, have someone else turn it in at class.
- Turning it in later in the day, the next day (or even later)
even if it was finished by class and you haven't touched it since
is not really fair to the other students, and it probably won't be accepted for credit.
- If you are late once, make sure you're never late again for that professor. Ever.

5) Be neat, show your work.

- The more time it takes to figure out (if possible) your work, the less time the professor (or TA) has to give you a good grade!.
- Be neat . . . it certainly won't hurt your grade.

Follow instructions. It's easier that way.

- If you are asked for specific things, do just that.
- If you have a philosophical difference with the assignment/class, it is best not to discuss these things when handing in an assignment. Discuss before it's due.

