

Choosing between a section test and a comprehensive final.

In this class, you can choose between taking a test just over section 3, or you can choose to take a comprehensive final, which is double-length and will cover all the material of the course. **DO NOT take them both, or only the Test 3 score will count.**

Why choose a comprehensive final? It can replace lower test scores on tests 1 and/or 2. **It automatically counts as your Test 3 score.**

Why choose a section test? It covers less material, so requires less studying, and only covers the most recent material (since test 2).

Course Total Points: 935

Basic examples

Your comprehensive test score is 88, your Test 1 score was 92, and your Test 2 score was 66. Your test 2 and test 3 scores are 88 and your test 1 score stays at 92. You gained 22 points on your test 2 score.

Your comprehensive test score is 78, your Test 1 score was 72, and your Test 2 score was 76. Your tests 1, 2, and test 3 scores are 78. You gained 8 points on your tests 1 and 2 total score.

Your comprehensive test score is 78, your Test 1 score was 92, and your Test 2 score was 86. Your test 3 score is 78 and your tests 1 and 2 scores do not change. You gained 0 points on your tests 1 and 2 scores.

Realistic examples

Total points for this course are 935 so an A is >836 , 836-744 is a B, and 744-650 is a C.

Your total points before test 3 are 690. You need 146 points for an A and 53 points for a B, you would need to score an 88 on the comprehensive final (if your Test 1 & 2 scores are 59) to get an A but only 52 points on Test 3 to get a B or the comprehensive final. If you feel really studied, it might be worth the risk to take the comprehensive final.

Your total points before test 3 are 675 and your Test 1 score is 79 and your Test 2 score is 55. You need 161 points for an A and 68 points for a B. You would need to score a 99 on the comprehensive final to get an A for the course, but only 68 on Test 3 gets you a B. An A is extremely unlikely, so probably Test 3 is the better bet.

Your total points before test 3 are 636 and your Test 1 score is 89 and your Test 2 score is 55. You need 107 points for a B, and 200 points for an A. You cannot get an A. To get a B you would need to score an 82 on the comprehensive final and you cannot get a B with just Test 3. Probably best to try the comprehensive final.

Your total points before test 3 are 667 and your Test 1 score is 75 and your Test 2 score is 65. You need 77 points for a B, and 169 points for an A. You cannot get an A. To get a B you would need to score 77 on Test 3 or a 73 on the comprehensive final. Probably should take Test 3 as there's no point in taking the comprehensive final.