

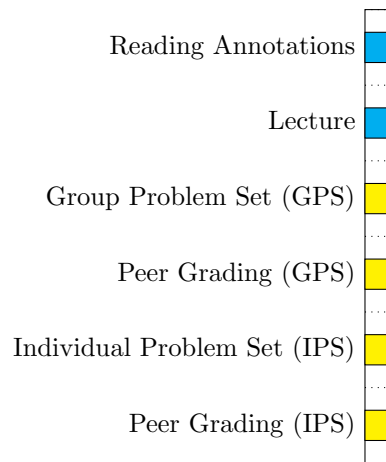
Assignment Schedules

Gov 2001

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The key goal of this class is to help you understand the material in a multi-step process that roughly goes as follows: (i) read the material on your own; (ii) hear lectures on the material; (iii) work collaboratively with others to do problem sets; (iv) help others learn by evaluating their problem sets; (v) you work on questions on your own to show mastery of the material. In the explanations below, this process is color coded to go from **cyan** in the beginning when you are first exposed to the material towards **yellow** in the end where we expect you are confident with the concepts.

Figure 1: Assignment Types

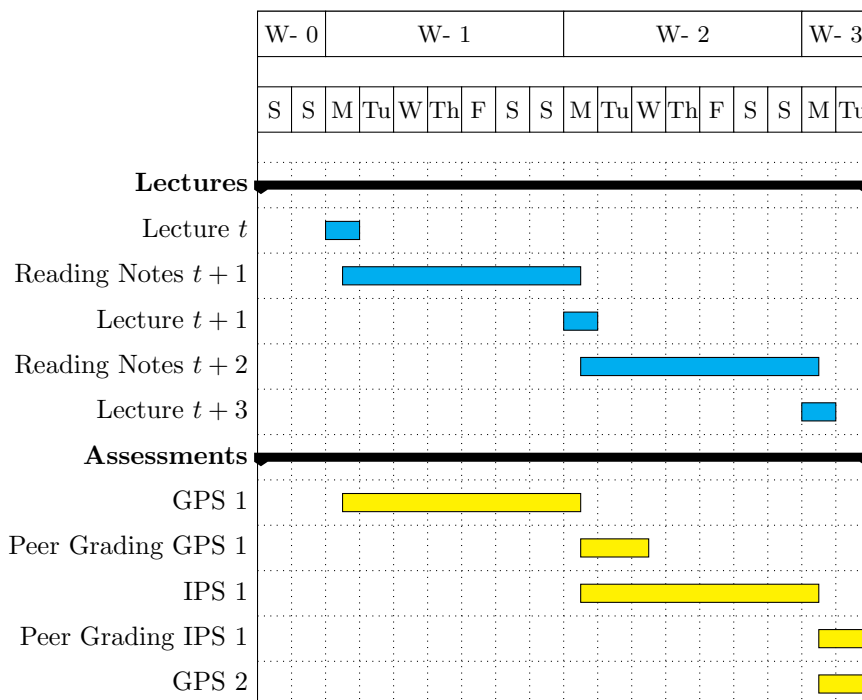


More concretely, it would progress as follows. Each week, you will need to upload **annotations** on the readings using Perusall; these will be weekly assignments that are due before lecture each Monday. The **weekly lectures** will then rely on those annotations to help tailor the material.

Concurrently, there will be a cycle of assignments. The first is a classic **Group Problem Set (GPS)**. These are the 'standard' assignment that you're used to; approximately 4-5 questions that are designed to help you learn the material for the previous lectures. They can be worked on collaboratively, see the guidelines in the Syllabus for the rules around collaboration. For each Problem Set, there will also be a **Peer Grading** that is also explained in the Syllabus. We expect you to spend approximately one-to-two hours on the Peer Grading.

The second type of assignment is an **Individual Problem Set (IPS)**. These **must be worked on individually**. They will be shorter (e.g. two to three questions) and consist of two types of questions: 'Mastery Questions' to test whether you have understood the concepts in the previous Problem Set and 'Understanding Questions' to get you to think about recently introduced concepts in the lectures that will be relevant on the next problem set. There is also a **Peer Grading** follow this assignment.

Figure 2: Example Cycle



These two assignments will stagger in the following way: Figure 1 illustrates a ‘typical’ two-week cycle where the bars indicate when the assignment is available (i.e. the start of the bar is when it is released and the end of the bar is when it is due).

To interpret this figure verbally, Lecture 1 occurs on Monday from 3–5pm. Later that day, Group Problem Set 1 is released that involves material in Lecture 1 (and prior lectures). Group Problem Set 1 will be due *next* Monday before the start of class. On that Monday (2nd Monday in the Cycle), the Peer Grading assignment and Individual Problem Set 1 will be released. The Peer Grading will be due by 3pm on Wednesday, and the Individual Problem Set 1 will be due *next* Monday before the start of class. At that point, the cycle repeats itself.

The cycle will be slightly modified midway through the semester because of MLK Day and Spring Break, but this is the broad pattern that we will stick to. There will be 7 Group Problem Sets (GPS) and 5 Individual Problem Sets (IPS).

The full schedule of the assignments are listed below. Remember that before *every* lecture, Reading Annotations are required.

Table 1: Table of Assignments

Assignment Name	Released	Due Date
GPS 1	Monday Jan 28 (~8pm)	Monday Feb 4 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 1	Monday Feb 4 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Feb 6 (3pm)
IPS 1	Monday Feb 4 (~8pm)	Monday Feb 11 (3pm)
Peer Grading on IPS 1	Monday Feb 11 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Feb 13 (3pm)
GPS 2	Monday Feb 11 (~8pm)	Monday Feb 18 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 2	Monday Feb 18 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Feb 20 (3pm)
IPS 2	Monday Feb 18 (~8pm)	Monday Feb 25 (3pm)
Peer Grading on IPS 2	Monday Feb 25 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Feb 27 (3pm)
GPS 3	Monday Feb 25 (~8pm)	Monday Mar 4 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 3	Monday Mar 4 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Mar 6 (3pm)
Paper Checkpoint 1: One Page Write-Up Due		Wednesday Mar 6 (8pm)
IPS 3	Monday Mar 4 (~8pm)	Monday Mar 11 (3pm)
Peer Grading on IPS 3	Monday Mar 11 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Mar 13 (3pm)
GPS 4	Monday Mar 11 (~8pm)	Monday Mar 18 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 4	Monday Mar 18 (5:10pm)	Monday Mar 25 (3pm)[†]
GPS 5	Monday Mar 25 (~8pm)	Monday Apr 1 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 5	Monday Apr 1 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Apr 3 (3pm)
Paper Checkpoint 2: Draft Due		Wednesday Apr 3 (8pm)
IPS 4	Monday Apr 1 (~8pm)	Monday Apr 8 (3pm)
Peer Grading on Replication Paper Draft	Thursday Apr 4 (12pm)	Monday Apr 8 (3pm)
Peer Grading on IPS 4	Monday Apr 8 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Apr 10 (3pm)
GPS 6	Monday Apr 8 (~8pm)	Monday Apr 15 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 6	Monday Apr 15 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Apr 17 (3pm)
IPS 5	Monday Apr 15 (~8pm)	Monday Apr 22 (3pm)
Peer Grading on IPS 5	Monday Apr 22 (5:10pm)	Wednesday Apr 24 (3pm)
GPS 7	Monday Apr 22 (~8pm)	Monday Apr 29 (3pm)
Peer Grading on GPS 7	Monday Apr 29 (5:10pm)	Wednesday May 1 (3pm)
Replication Paper Due		Wednesday May 8 (8pm)
Peer Grading on Replication Paper	Thursday May 9 (12pm)	Wednesday May 15 (12pm)

GPS: Group Problem Set. IPS: Individual Problem Set. Remember that before *every* lecture on Monday, reading annotations on Persuall are required. [†] - This is due a week later because of Spring Break!