

## **Symbolic Systems 100: Midterm Exam Information – Spring 2008**

The Midquarter Essay Exam will take place in class on Tuesday, May 6. This handout contains important information about the exam.

1. You will have the full class period to answer 2 questions chosen from 4 options. The exam will begin as soon as the class session starts at 2:45, and will end at 4:05.
2. The exam is open book/open notes. *Computers may be used, but accessing the Internet or using communication devices such as cell phones is not allowed and is a violation of the honor code.* You will need to download any electronic files (e.g. pdf files of the readings) onto your computer if you want to use them during the exam. You may also, of course, bring printed versions of the assigned readings and/or your notes.
3. In your essays, you should refer only to material presented either in the class lectures or in the assigned readings, and not to books, articles etc. that were not discussed in class. All answers must be your own original work, unassisted by anyone else during the exam. Material from other sources must be cited and marked in quotes.
4. We will hand out study questions one week before the exam, in class on Tuesday, April 29. These questions will be representative of the types of questions you can expect, but will be different from the actual questions on the exam. The sections leading up to the midterm will include some discussion of how to analyze one of the study questions.
5. You may ask questions about the material in class and/or the study questions either in section, by visiting the instructor/TAs during office hours, or by posting them via email to the list [symsys100-discuss@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:symsys100-discuss@lists.stanford.edu). Please do not send questions of general interest about the exam or material covered by it to the TAs or lead instructor personally. You will be asked to redirect these questions to the discussion list.
6. The best essays are not the longest, and in fact excessive length or repetition is likely to affect your score negatively. With only two questions to answer in 80 minutes, you should have time to go through the readings and your notes, outline your answer to each question, and write it in a clear, legible, and concise way.

7. If you have an approved accommodation need, please contact Aurelie (abeaumel at stanford.edu) no later than Tuesday, April 29.
8. If you must be absent for the midterm, please contact Marie-Catherine (mcdm at stanford.edu) no later than Tuesday, April 29, to participate in the make-up exam. Our plan is to schedule just one make-up exam time. The make-up exam will contain different questions from the regular exam.