

Subject: MET1010: Question about dropping the lowest test score  
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To: Students in sections 3 and 6 of MET1010, fall 2006

A MET1010 student wrote: I missed the last exam due to a family emergency. I am aware that you drop the lowest test grade, but do you have a policy of not dropping a zero?

Answer: I will drop your lowest score, no matter what the score is. In fact, I started dropping a test score when I taught a MET1010 class with 350 students, and it was not practical to give make-up exams. A dropped exam was my way of protecting students who had a valid reason for being gone.

My policy of dropping your lowest test score applies only to the one-hour exams. Everyone must take the final exam, and the final exam will count for everyone.

With the present class size, I am willing to consider giving a make-up exam, but it is at my discretion. If at all possible, I want your request to take a make-up exam to arrive before the start of the exam. Call my office at 644-1558 between 8 am and 5 pm or send me an email at [ahlquist@met.fsu.edu](mailto:ahlquist@met.fsu.edu) anytime before the exam. A secretary will pick up my phone and take a message if I am not in.

Examples of acceptable reasons for a make-up exam include a religious holiday, illness, family emergency, and car trouble on the way to the exam. Examples of reasons that I will not accept for taking a make-up exam include sleeping late, having other tests or assignments the same day, and not feeling prepared.

If anyone asks to take a make-up exam and I decide that the reason is acceptable, the make-up exam needs to be taken as soon as possible, generally before the next class meeting. In the case of illness, you must take the exam as soon as you are well.

Thanks for your question!  
Jon Ahlquist