Grading Policy (Introduction to Graph Theory-SC322)

Attendance will be taken every day in the form of students writing their names and roll numbers on a blank sheet of paper. This is done for administrative requirements as per the policy announced by the office of the Dean AP. However, there will be no explicit rewards or punishments linked to attendance. There might be implicit factors, which I leave to the better judgment of the students.

There will be three exams. The weightage for these exams are 25 % (first insemester exam), 25 % (second insemester exam) and 50% (final exam). The exam will be open book and open notes, without exchange of materials between students during the exam.

The final grades will be based on absolute performance, with some leeway for the cut-offs, based to a small extent on the actual performances. However over the years I have had a scale that doesn’t deviate too much. So a rough indicator is 75% of more overall for an AA grade and somewhere below 20% results in an F Grade, though this could go down to 15 or 10 percent based on the exams and factors like skewed performance across the three exams versus balanced. The range of AB is usually 65%-75%.

At the end of the evaluation process the instructor sets precise cutoffs. The student has the right to review their papers and seek clarifications on marking, which will result in revision only if warranted. No extraneous considerations will be entertained. No discussions on how close to the cutoff a student is, is relevant. Even if a student is 0.1 percent off, it will not alter anything, since it indicates that the student was a borderline case so getting the lower grade is not entirely unfair to the student. Grade revisions will happen only if mark revision happens and it results in the student crossing the threshold set.