

Bonus for mandatory tasks in FYTA12

The course FYTA12 includes four compulsory laboratory/computer exercises and about one mandatory hand-in exercise per week. Reports for laboratory/computer exercises and compulsory hand-in tasks must be passed before the course will be recorded as completed in Ladok.

Each assignment with grade VG (pass with distinction) gives one bonus point on the corresponding written examination (the written exams have about 30 points). VG on all tasks within a course component therefore gives 3-4 bonus points on the corresponding exam.

If an exam has a different maximal number of points, the bonus points are scaled, to about $1/30 \times$ (the maximal number of points) for each bonus.

The bonus also applies for additional trials on the exam, until the regular exam will be held again the next time the course is given (i.e., approximately one year after the student's first exam). These additional exams can be provided as combo exams covering two parts of FYTA12 at once. In such cases, the bonus typically will be 1/2 point per assignment with VG, alternatively about 1/60 of the exam's maximum score.

VG on the mandatory laboratory reports and computer exercise reports provide no special bonus on exams, but the results are taken into account in the total grading of FYTA12/FYTB03. The laboratory reports must be passed before the course will be recorded as completed in ladok.

To get the VG, the student must submit the material within stipulated time. The time for lab reports/computer exercise reports is approximately two weeks, for exercises about one week.

In previously tested reward system deadlines have often been stretched. In the system presented here, each compulsory part gives a pretty small bonus, regardless of other tasks. The examiner should keep strictly to the rules. Students in their turn are encouraged to work with such large margins that the boundaries of deadlines and completeness are not tested.

In order to stick to the rules, they must be specified, so here is some formal text:

Time-limit: The deadline for VG must be specified with time, including time of the day, and the material must be handed in within that time. With examiner the laboratory leader or exercise leader who will correct the material is intended. Material submitted later (without agreed exception) can not receive the grade VG.

Completeness: The submitted material must treat the entire mandatory task to get VG. (It happens ,e.g., that students submit laboratory reports where all of the data is omitted,

to be added in only later – such a report is obviously incomplete.)

Completing afterwards: Material which is submitted on time, but is not correct enough to give ratings VG directly, can be supplemented for VG. This can be done irrespectively of if the temporary grade is G or U (fail). Each time an examiner returns the corrected material a new time-frame for complementing the material should also be supplied, normally the time-frame is a week. If the material with temporary rating G is not completed in time, the final grade will be G.

Repeated completions: A supplemented task that is not given its highest possible final grade (VG or if delays occur, G) can be supplemented again. From the third completion the highest possible rating is always G. Thus, if the second completion is graded G, this will be the final grade.

Respite: Unexpected events sometimes may have as a result that a student in advance finds a deadline impossible to meet. The student may then ask the examiner for an extension. The extension request must reach the examiner *at least three days before* the deadline expires, measured on the clock. (In other words, students should consider the deferment limit his/her deadline and submit the material in time, so that no late appearing obstacles prevent the grade VG.)

Deferment is not given just because it is requested, it must be justified. Reasons for postponement may be illness, family circumstances, collision with another exam or the like. When extension is granted, the new deadline should be specified. The extension will be approximately one week. A deferment application not answered by the examiner within one working day will automatically be granted, with a one-week extension of the deadline.

Information: Students must receive clear information about the deadlines are for each individual task.

Correction: Materials submitted in time should be returned within one week after the deadline expires. If the material submitted too late the correction may be delayed correspondingly.

Long delays: If the material is not submitted, or still needs to be completed, the next time the course is given, the task will be graded fail. This means that the student must complete whole task again in the new course.