

# MAC0082: Topics in Optimization Theory (II)

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## Office Hours

You are welcomed to drop by my office whenever I am in (I am almost available in the morning of weekdays) or please feel free to make an appointment with me.

## Textbook

In this semester, the main reference is “First-Order Methods in Optimization” by Amir Beck, MOS-SIAM Series on Optimization, 2017. Students who enroll in this course will take turns presenting materials from this book.

## Homework and Exams

The good news is that there are no homework and exams for this course. However, this is a graduate course, so you are highly expected to show your ability for independent study. Instead of assigning weekly homework or taking exams, I will arrange everyone who enrolls in this course to take

turns presenting course materials. Hopefully, you will learn more through this training.

## Grades

Since there are no homework and exams for this course, participation and joining discussion are very crucial. Therefore, your final grade for this course will be determined by these two factors shown as below:

Attendance and Discussion	50 %
Presentation	50 %

Sometimes you will be asked to attend conferences or workshops related to this course, and attendance of such cases is also counted.