Exam

What were the goals?

Provide you with an incentive to learn how to:

1.) integrate information
2.) critically read and write about scientific research
3.) manage your time in a scholarly fashion
Class midterm performance:

- Exams will be handed back in section or you can contact your section TAs to pick up your exam earlier.
- Keys will be posted on the class website.
- If you want to talk to us about the exam, please make an appointment.
Is this disappointing? Yes Grim? No Here’s the deal on overall midterm grades and beyond:

15%: Writing Assignment
   ONLY the hypothesis was counted for this. Once the rough draft and final drafts are graded, this part of your grade will change significantly.

20%: iClicker Quizzes
   This is before we drop one quiz score but WITH the two extra credit assignments. You still have a shot to improve by taking advantage of extra credit opportunities and consistently reviewing past material.

15%: Homework
   This is BEFORE we drop your lowest homework score and counts only Homeworks 1-4. Realize that you still have 4 homework assignments to add to this category.

30%: Exam 1+2
   To give you a chance for redemption, your final grade in this category will be calculated as the better of (15% Exam 1 + 15% Exam 2) OR (10% Exam 1 + 20% Exam 2).

20%: Final
   We gave everyone 100% in this category because most of you are on track to opting out of the final. Good job!
Midterm Grades:

A: 100-93%
A-: 92.9-90%
B+: 89.9-87%
B: 86.9-83%
B-: 82.9-80%
C+: 79.9-77%
C: 76.9-73%
C-: 72.9-70%
D+: 69.9-67%
D: 66.9-63%
F: 62.9-1%
Bi1 2012 Midterm Grades

Number of Students

Letter Grade

A A- B+ B B- C+ C C- D+ D F
TAKE HOME MESSAGES

- **Use your resources**: Prof. Newman, Prof. McFall-Ngai, Dr. Sullivan, all 23 (!!) TAs with office hours every day of the week and by appointment. You have no excuse if you don’t seek help. *Not seeking help is one of the most common mistakes frosh make and later regret. Don’t fall into that trap.*

- **We can help you improve:**
  
  * Your ability to integrate the information
  * Your ability to critically read a paper
  * Your strategies for time management (*we’ve been there, and it only gets more challenging the older you get…*)

*This class emphasizes integration, critical thinking and writing. These are arguably more important skills for your future success (regardless of your major) as your ability to crank through problem sets in your other classes. Don’t blow this class off because it is different.*