

## GRADERS

Professors almost never touch student homework. This means that if you don't keep an eye on how things are being graded, no one will! I've recently become aware of a number of issues with homework graders, so try to engage in the following practices to make sure our graders are being the best they can be:

- Each week, read over a few graded assignments at random and ask yourself these questions:
  - Were correct solutions given full points?
  - Were mistakes clearly marked?
  - Did the grader take off points for students who didn't give sufficient detail?
- Consider writing solutions for your grader each week if they're not already posted to the course website.
- Write a rubric for your grader. This can vary in detail, depending on the course. Maybe they need a really complete rubric, or maybe they just need you to alert them of a few things to watch out for.
- Remind your grader that it's okay to ask for help. If they're not sure how to accurately grade a student answer, it's better for them to shoot you a quick email and get it right than to misgrade it, only to have you dealing with regrades or complaints during section.
- Some graders may have taken the course a few years ago, and the content may have been different then. Really emphasize that you understand this, and that it's important they always let you know if they're confused by something.
- Finally, it couldn't hurt to mention that you'll occasionally check to see how the grading is going. If they know they're held accountable for how they grade, they're more likely to do it accurately.