• **Median score:** The median for the first exam was 83 (out of 100).

• **Grades:** *Approximate* letter grades for the exam are shown below. It is important to understand the relationship between these grades and your final course grade. When we compute final grades for the course, we will add up each student’s numerical scores (weighted appropriately, depending on whether they are exam scores, quiz scores, etc.). We will assign a final grade to this number. So when this exam is counted in your final grade, it will be the numerical score and not the letter grade that is counted. The letter grades shown below are simply intended to give you an idea of how you did on this exam.

• **How grades are assigned:** The median score on the exam is usually assigned a grade of B-, unless the median is unusually high or low. We then distribute the other letter grades around this median. We do not use a rigid curve when we make this distribution. In particular, there is no fixed limit to the number of students who can get an A, A-, etc. If you have more questions about how grades are assigned, please contact me (rtorrey@brandeis.edu, or talk to me in office hours).

• **Questions about grading, and academic integrity:** If you have any questions about how your exam was graded, or if you discover any grading errors, please speak to me after class or in office hours over the next few days. If you make any corrections to your exam book after you get it back, please do so in a different color ink or make an explicit note that what you have written is a correction. Sometimes we have had difficulties with students changing answers in an exam book after it was returned to them, and then claiming there had been a grading error and asking for more points. Please remember that this is just as much as act of academic dishonesty as cheating during an exam or turning in a plagiarized paper and we will treat it accordingly. To protect against this, we have chosen a number of exam books at random from each section and xeroxed them.

• **Exam re-writes** are due on Wednesday, October 18. Your instructor will give you instructions for this in class.

• *Approximate* letter grades:

  A: 94 – 100 \hspace{1cm} B-: 80 – 83 \hspace{1cm} D+: 67 – 69
  A-: 90 – 93 \hspace{1cm} C+: 77 – 79 \hspace{1cm} D: 64 – 66
  B+: 87 – 89 \hspace{1cm} C: 74 – 76 \hspace{1cm} D-: 60 – 63
  B: 84 – 86 \hspace{1cm} C-: 70 – 73 \hspace{1cm} E: 0 – 59