

Let's Get Acquainted: First Things First!

(Regardless of what you might have heard about me!)

- I am your class Instructor,
Dr. Milivoje **Kostic** [Millivoye Kostich],
Professor
- **Welcome to the Class !**

We may have conflict of interest:

- You may want to do it with as little work as possible?
- But, we have to accomplish as much as possible!

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- I wish you a productive semester, lot of success, and fun if possible
- I promise to do my best and be ...
 - resourceful,
 - understanding,
 - respectful, and
 - equally fair to all.
- In return, I am expecting the same from you!

Let's be Professional:

- There is a minimum expectation for achievement,
 - regardless of over-all class performance and “curve-fitting” adjustments
- Professional ethics is equally important
 - no cheating and unjustifiable excuses, etc...

We have the same goals and objectives:

To help you learn the subject and achieve as much as possible...

... in order to become, as good and as fast as possible, professionals - the engineers!

You are expected to:

- Be enthusiastic and involved
- Actively participate in all class activities
- Accomplish all reading, homework and project assignments
- Spend about 10-12 hours per subject per week
- Work hard and smart

It is important to:

- Challenge yourself, not only to remember, but to **fully understand** the subject
- Read, think, and discuss the subject matter with your colleagues, TA, and Instructor
- It is possible...
 - ...in my classes students do get As and Bs
 - ...but also students fail my classes because they are not involved and do not work hard and smart.

Further Information ...

- ... will be provided in class, and
- ... are/will be provided on my Web site:

www.kostic.niu.edu

- ... and, will be updated all the time.

For the Record:

- You may interrupt me any time during the lecture to express your concerns and doubts
- I will always answer your questions and give you help or hints how to resolve them
- I may ask you to work on your question in order to challenge you first, before providing a full answer and/or result ...

For the Record (2):

- The only relevant matter for your grade is your **academic accomplishment**
- You are also expected to be respectful and responsible ...

... a professional in one word!