



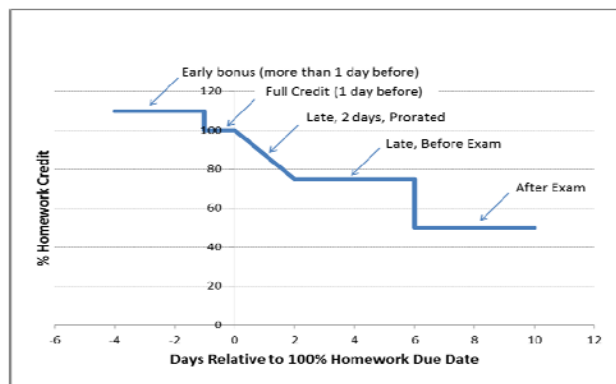
## New Study Room in Estabrook

The Engage faculty and staff spent part of the holiday break renovating a room for undergraduate studies. Located in Estabrook Hall, the study room is accessible when the building is open, and staffed by student helpers Monday through Thursday afternoons. We are particularly encouraging students to form study groups, and designate the room as a meeting place. It has already attained popularity with EF students, and we are pleased to observe productive Engineering deliberations occur everyday!

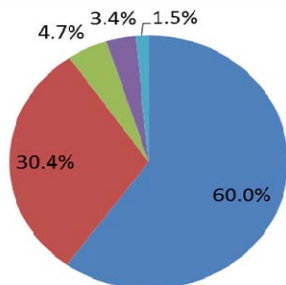


## Engineering Fundamentals Homework: An Update

About a year ago, we implemented a 10% bonus for completing homework more than 24 hours prior to the due date. The idea was to encourage students to attempt their homework early, so they would have a chance to ask questions regarding trouble areas. We also give partial credit for late homework, with the thought of rewarding students for attempted work while still stressing the importance of practice. Credit for homework vs. time is shown above.



### Homework Completion



- 110
- 100
- p75
- 75
- 50

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A student survey indicated that over 80% felt the bonus positively affected their learning by squelching procrastination and inducing excellent study habits.

The chart to the right shows completion times for all student's homework in the fall EF 151 class. We call it the EF Christmas tree.

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We have examined the data to see when students are actually working their homework. The chart to the left demonstrates that 60% of the homework is being completed in the bonus time. It is interesting to note that almost 10% of the homework is completed late with some students submitting assignments after the module exam.

