

# Contract Grading

**To-Do Date: Jan 25 at 11:59pm**

Educational research has found that grading individual assignments distracts students from learning and self-evaluation is one of the most powerful ways to encourage learning, so in this class we will use a contract grading system. This means that you will not receive letter or numerical grades for any of your work during the term. Instead, **for each major assignment, a minimum standard must be met, or I will request that you revise before receiving credit for completing the assignment.**

I will calculate final grades for the course as follows:

For everyone:

- Ask questions, participate in class discussions, be respectful towards everyone in the class.

## A

- Complete at least 90 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.
- Observe a public meeting and write up your observations.
- Interview someone who works with the public or stakeholders.
- Create an annotated bibliography with at least 12 annotations.
- Complete final paper, including revisions based on feedback from your classmates & instructor.

## B

- Complete at least 80 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.
- Observe a public meeting and write up your observations OR interview someone who works with the public or stakeholders.
- Create an annotated bibliography with at least 10 annotations.
- Complete final paper.

## C

- Complete at least 70 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.
- Make a plan to observe a public meeting and write up your observations OR interview someone who works with the public or stakeholders.
- Create an annotated bibliography with at least 8 annotations.
- Write final paper, but it is somewhat incomplete.

## D

- Complete at least 60 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.
- Create an annotated bibliography with at least 6 annotations.
- Write final paper, but it is very incomplete.

## F

- Fail to meet the course requirements outlined above.

In the event that a student's performance falls between two categories, I will use my discretion and your self-evaluations to award the final grade, taking into account factors such as quality of work and contributions to the class (engagement).

Assignments	A	B	C	D	F
Readings	Complete at least 90 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.	Complete at least 80 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.	Complete at least 70 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.	Complete at least 60 percent of readings, annotations, and discussions.	Fail to meet the course requirements outlined above.
Public Meeting	Observe a public meeting and write up your observations.	Observe a public meeting and write up your observations <u>OR</u> interview someone who works with the public or stakeholders.	Make a plan to observe a public meeting and write up your observations <u>OR</u> interview someone who works with the public or stakeholders.	Not complete.	Fail to meet the course requirements outlined above.
Interview	Interview someone who works with the public or	Observe a public meeting and write up your observations <u>OR</u> interview someone who	Make a plan to observe a public meeting and write up your observations <u>OR</u> interview someone who	Not complete.	Fail to meet the course requirements

	stakeholders.	works with the public or stakeholders.	works with the public or stakeholders.	outlined above.
Annotated Bib.	Create an annotated bibliography with at least 12 annotations.	Create an annotated bibliography with at least 10 annotations.	Create an annotated bibliography with at least 8 annotations.	Create an annotated bibliography with at least 6 annotations. Fail to meet the course requirements outlined above.
Final Paper	Write a final paper and revised base on feedback from your instructor and classmates. .	Final paper complete.	Final paper complete.	Write final paper, but it is very incomplete. Fail to meet the course requirements outlined above.