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A focused, strategic plan to not just pass CMPA 3301, but to excel in every graded element and build a portfolio-worthy final project.

## Core Strategy

* Treat every week as a mini project — plan, execute, review.
* Post early in discussions to lead the conversation and maximize engagement points.
* Complete exercises as soon as they drop to stay ahead of schedule.
* Integrate course readings into all assignments to hit rubric reference criteria automatically.

## Grading Breakdown Mastery

### Discussions (20%)

* Post initial answers by Monday or Tuesday — lead the narrative.
* Use at least two direct references to readings or lectures in every post.
* Challenge classmates respectfully to drive engagement and earn maximum rubric scores.

### Exercises (10%)

* Submit on release day — ensures you can troubleshoot any tech issues early.
* Aim for 100% completion, even if extra effort is required.

### Assignments (20%)

* Start within 48 hours of release to allow for iteration.
* Cross-check instructions with rubric before submission.

### Project 01 (10%)

* Treat like a professional deliverable — semantic HTML, clean design, and well-documented project scope.

### Project 02 (15%)

* Build a flawless GitHub repo with README, project board, and live demo URL.
* Document commit history to show version control mastery.

### Project 03 (25%)

* Overdeliver — include polished proposal, functioning prototype, and extra features.
* Conduct self-review against PMI-aligned project management principles.

## Weekly Execution Schedule

1. Monday: Review all new content, plan DB initial post, outline weekly tasks.
2. Tuesday: Draft and post DB initial answer; start exercises.
3. Wednesday: Review peer DB posts; refine assignments/projects.
4. Thursday: Execute on assignments or project tasks.
5. Friday: Finalize any due work; quality check against rubrics.
6. Saturday: Engage deeply in DB replies, add thoughtful comments.
7. Sunday: Submit all remaining work; prep for next week.

## Pro Moves for Domination

* Maintain a personal master doc linking all course rubrics, due dates, and Canvas pages.
* Use version control principles for all major projects, even if not required.
* Network with peers early to form informal accountability groups.
* Document lessons learned from each project to apply to the final capstone.
* Treat all work as portfolio material — design for public presentation.

## Weekly Checklist – Monday

* Review new Canvas content: Check Modules and Announcements for this week’s readings, exercises, and assignments. Skim due dates in the schedule.
* Plan your DB (Discussion Board) initial post: Read the discussion prompt carefully, pull 2+ references from the book or lectures, and jot an outline for Tuesday’s draft.
* Outline the week: Identify any Exercises due — mark their release day; list Assignments/Projects due this week; confirm deadlines for Wednesday (DB initial post) and Sunday (DB replies, other submissions).
* Prep for technical tasks: If a project or assignment involves HTML/CSS or GitHub, ensure your environment is ready and review next build steps.
* Early engagement: Check peer DB posts from last week (if open) to wrap up conversations and maintain engagement.