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Assignments Overview

The following is a summary of the graded assignments required to complete this course for the CORE and SIGNATURE tracks.

CORE Track = 100 points total

To pass the CORE track, you must successfully complete 80% of the graded components.

1. **Discussion board forums:** Engage in the "Course Theme" discussion forums each week. You may open your own discussion threads or contribute to an existing one. You may contribute to any open forums on any relevant topic throughout the course. You can also contribute to [Regional Forums](#) in order to contribute to the World Startup Report project.
Requirement for credit: Minimum 2 entries per week
Grade Weighting: 12% of total grade (12 points)
2. **Personal Learning Assignments (PLA):** These are your own weekly written reflections on your regional entrepreneurial ecosystems in response to a prompt each week (not including the final week).
Requirement for credit: 150 words.
Grade Weighting: 50% of total grade. Each PLA = 10% (10 points each)
You will receive *full credit* if your assignment is turned in by the Thursday deadline of each week
You will receive *half credit* if your assignment is turned in one week late (Thursday of the following week)
3. **Quizzes:** A 5-question quiz is given every week. You are given two attempts to pass each quiz. Your score reflects the number of questions you answer correctly, which contributes to your total course grade. (for example: if you get 4 out of 5 questions correct in a quiz, you will receive 4 points toward your total grade). Your final grade will reflect the best of two attempts, with only the correct answers.
Grade Weighting: 25% of total grade. Each quiz = 5% (5 points each)
4. **Final Exam:** A 10-15 question final exam will be given at the end of the course. You are given two attempts to pass the final exam.
Grade Weighting: 13% of total grade. (13 points)

DISTINCTION Track = 100 points total

To pass the DISTINCTION track, you must successfully complete 80% of the graded components.

Note: The DISTINCTION Track is the same thing as a “Statement of Accomplishment with Distinction.” You may complete the requirements of the DISTINCTION Track with or without purchasing the Signature Track from Coursera. If you are completing the DISTINCTION track, you will complete the assignments below in addition to the above CORE Track requirements.

5. **Mid-Term Action Learning Assignment (ALA):** The Mid-term Action Learning Assignment is your written assessment of an entrepreneur of your choice in your region and your reflections on their engagement with their entrepreneurial ecosystem. You will complete this assignment mid-way through the course.

Requirement for credit: 500 – 1000 words.

You will receive *full credit* if your assignment is turned in by the deadline provided on the syllabus.

You will receive *half credit* if your assignment is turned in one week late.

Grade Weighting: 25% of DISTINCTION track grade. (25 points)

6. **Final Project:** The Final Project is your complete assessment of your entrepreneurial ecosystem using as an example an entrepreneur of your choice in your region. This project will be peer reviewed by your fellow students.

Requirement for credit: See project guidelines.

You will receive *full credit* if your assignment is turned in by the deadline provided on the syllabus.

You will receive *half credit* if your assignment is turned in one week late

Grade Weighting: 75% of DISTINCTION track grade. (75 points)

7. **Peer Review of Final Assignment:** In order to receive a certificate of distinction for the course, you are required to complete 1 peer review of a classmate’s final project

Requirement for credit: See peer review guidelines.

More on grading and late material:

All graded materials are submitted through the course website and will be graded electronically by the course software.

- For quizzes, you will allowed two attempts each. If you get a question wrong, we will not display the correct answer.
- For your final exam, you will allowed two attempts.
- Late assignments are allowed up to 7 days after their due date, but their weight will be discounted by 50%.

More on DISTINCTION Track:

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may complete the requirements of the DISTINCTION Track with or without purchasing the Signature Track from Coursera.

In other words:

If you choose **not** to purchase the Signature Track service, you can earn a Statement of Accomplishment (CORE Track) or a Statement of Accomplishment with Distinction (DISTINCTION Track).

If you choose to purchase the Signature Track service, you can earn a Verified Statement of Accomplishment (CORE Track with Signature Track purchase) or a Verified Statement of Accomplishment with Distinction (DISTINCTION Track with Signature Track purchase).

More on Submitting Assignments and Peer Reviews:

Written Assignments Journal

We have created an optional journal template for you to keep track of your written assignments and reflections along the way, as you also submit them on the course platform. We encourage you to write your Personal Learning Assignments (PLAs), Action Learning Assignments (ALA), and any other written thoughts, reflections, and ideas in this template before submitting them on the course site, so that you can edit them without the risk of losing any work before pressing that submit button on the course platform.

This is also a helpful tool to make you're your word count is accurate before submitting word-counted assignments.

Some students use it to aid them in writing their Mid-Term and Final Project Assignments later on as well. We hope that by the end of this course, this serve as a helpful document of your hard work and learning!

[Download the template here](#)

Note: The explanations below cover the general process of submitting assignments and peer reviews. Please make sure to go to the individual assignment pages and read the instructions contained therein, as those specific instructions may override the general instructions below.

Time	What happens then
Assignment starts	<p>After this time, you can see the assignment and start working on it. You can save drafts of your work as you go along, and you can come back later to continue working on your draft. When you're ready to submit your work for evaluation, remember to click the "Submit" button. If the deadline passes and you haven't clicked "Submit" yet, then your saved draft will not be evaluated.</p> <p>Note: You can submit and re-submit your work for evaluation as many times as you want before the submission deadline, without any penalty. Only your last submission will be seen and evaluated by your classmates.</p>
Submission deadline	<p>After this time, you can no longer change your submission. If you have not clicked the "Submit" button by this time, your classmates will not see your submission, you will not</p>

	<p>receive an evaluation for this assignment, and you will not be permitted to evaluate your classmates' submissions.</p> <p>After this time, you will evaluate the work of a minimum number of your peers. Finally, you will evaluate your own work.</p>
Evaluation starts	<p>Optionally, you can choose to evaluate the work of even more of your classmates before the evaluation deadline passes. This is very helpful for the success of the course.</p> <p>Remember: as with the submission stage, this evaluation stage is required if you want your own assignment submission to be evaluated.</p>
Evaluation deadline	<p>After this time, you can no longer evaluate the work your peers or your own. If you have not finished your assigned evaluation tasks by this time, your own assignment may not be evaluated and you may receive a grade penalty.</p>

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