

Dear Brother Hathaway,

It has been a pleasure to take Data Wrangling and Visualization from you this semester. I have been thoroughly challenged and satisfied with the things taught in this course; and, in all honesty, I am a little bit sad for it to end. I am writing to you to discuss the grade I feel I have earned in this class. At our mid-semester check-in, I declared to you that I was shooting for an 'A' in your class. However, after the calamity that has been COVID-19, I am unable to justify my meeting the requirements for this grade. Instead, I feel I have earned a B.

The course syllabus lists, briefly, the requirements for a B in this class: "B: Complete at least 12 class tasks, at least 6 case studies, leadership completions, all semester deliverables excluding the project, and the data science supporter task". As you can see in my [README.md file in the Case Study 13](#), I have completed 18 class tasks and 10 Case Studies as of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. I have turned in almost all of those tasks and all of those case studies on time, meeting 7/4/2 requirement listed; and I have been the team lead for group discussions 3 times as listed in the [Data Science Supporter \(B Level\) requirements](#). Last but not least, I have included all of the semester deliverables.

Originally, I had planned on completing a semester project, but I was unable to due to the craziness that ensued after COVID-19 reached the United States. When the school announced that we wouldn't be meeting any more, my wife and I prayerfully decided that we needed to move in order to avoid paying another month's rent and utility bills at our home in Rexburg. We had to pack up, drive from Idaho to Colorado, and finally unpack in my parents' basement. This took about a week of constant work. Shortly thereafter, we were put on lockdown. In our new home there were 5 adults working from home. As I had to makeup for the work I had missed in the moving process, I was forced put my hopes for an 'A' in this class in the back seat as I spent hours and hours working just to keep my head above water. On top of this, I was unable to attend classes because my family's Wi-Fi bandwidth couldn't support the 5 adults on Zoom calls at the same time and, unfortunately, my class took second place to everyone else's careers.

I don't share this sob-story to get attention or sympathy. I only include it in hopes that you may consider meeting me halfway with my grade. If you would be willing to take into consideration the COVID-19 variable and possibly give me a B+ or an A-, I would be more than grateful. I am planning on going to grad school for data science and my admissions advisor said the highest grade I could get in this class would be best for ensuring my acceptance into a great school. Nevertheless, I abhor the entitlement that seems to characterize my generation and, in order to avoid taking on that same entitlement, will not be upset or offended if you don't want to make accommodations for my grade. After all, I did not meet the requirements. I will respect your decision.

Thank you so much for your lessons this semester. I feel like this class has prepared me to be a better software engineer, data scientist, and employee in my future pursuits. I wish you all the best!

Sincerely,  
Christopher Wilson