

CS130/1300 Grading Policy (Fall 2018)

General Grading Breakdown

The thresholds for A/B/C cutoffs are 90/80/70, but these may decrease at the end of the semester based on the instructor's sense of difficulty for the year.

Type	Points
Assignments	66 (11 each)
Labs	8 (2 each)
Readings	14 (2 each)
Participation	5
Final Project / Portfolio	7

Labs

TAs will lead multiple labs during the semester outside of the course lecture hours where students can gain experience with a specific interaction design tool or UI development for a specific platform. They will be in a tutorial + exercise format.

Labs that are completed on time and in a satisfactory manner according to the given handout will receive 2 points. If a lab is completed unsatisfactorily, is turned in late, or is not turned in at all, 0 points will be received.

Students should attend 4 labs in total for full credit. UI Camp counts as 2 lab credits (4 lab points total) if attended, and UI Camp + Javascript counts as 3 lab credits (6 lab points total).

Readings

Reading responses that are late or not turned in will receive 0 points. An unsatisfactory or unrelated reading comment will receive 1 points. A satisfactory reading comment that correctly and thoroughly answers the given prompt will receive 2 points, which is the most common score. Exceptional reading comments (the top 15 - 20% in quality) will receive one extra point, for a total of 3 points. An exceptional comment does not merely answer the prompt in a satisfactory manner, but one that is also an insightful analysis through close examination of the reading. Exceptional reading comments are not restatements of the readings, nor are they unsubstantiated claims or opinions such as such as "I liked the analysis part of the article because I learned a lot." Rather, they are further explorations into the content and extensions of the points made.

There are 7 readings in total throughout the semester, and 14 points are allocated toward readings. Students have the opportunity to earn up to 17 points total on readings (3 extra points), but no more than 17 points.

Assignments

Assignments are worth 11 points each, but scored out of 22 on Gradescope for ease of breaking into a fully fleshed-out rubric; they can be divided by two to obtain course points

Assignments are graded by undergraduate TAs and reviewed by Head TAs, using a rubric developed with the instructor. If a student feels as though an assignment was graded unfairly, they must first reach out to the TA who graded them. If they still disagree, they must email the Graduate TA (jing_qian@brown.edu) and explain why they think their assignment should have received a better grade. The Graduate TA will regrade the assignment and make a determination about whether the student's score will be changed within a week. The regrade received will be the final grade for a student's assignment, and cannot be changed or altered.

Participation

Each participation activity completed and turned in will receive 0.5 points. Participation activities vary in type, but the vast majority will take place during class lectures. Once a participation activity has occurred, a student may not attempt to retroactively complete it and receive credit. There are more in-class activities to earn participation points than there are points to be earned, so students can earn a max of 5 participation points (10 in-class activities).
