Assignments and Grading - Descriptions and Rubrics  
**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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Course Grade Weighting

* Project: 50% (reflection papers)
  + Milepost 1 - 10%
  + Milepost 2 - 10%
  + Milepost 3 - 10%
  + Project Deliverable Presentation - 20%
* Mid-Term Exam: 20% - All readings/material from 1st half of course
* Final Exam: 20% - All readings/material from 2nd half of course
* Participation: 10% - Canvas discussions participation, office hours, etc.

Project

**Description**

Your project may come from the [Potential Partners](potential_partners.docx) document; alternatively, you may select another organization. If you choose an alternative organization, please forward the following information to the Instructors Team: website URL, contact name, contact email, contact phone. Your project is expected to reflect a level of maturity consistent with a graduate program in computer science, and commensurate with the number of team members. The project assignment should be designed to mitigate one or more societal issues. The primary goal should be to increase good for society. This “good” is loosely described as improving one or more of the following issues:

* Hunger
* Homelessness
* Peace
* Environment
* Social justice
* Indigenous rights

**Team Formation Guidelines**

You may choose to work on the project as a team of one or up to 5 members. If you choose to work in a team, you are limited to a team of 5 maximum. Please post your intention to form or join a team in the appropriate Piazza thread. Each team is required to submit a weekly report for the duration of the project period. This period will be announced in Canvas. Any issues should be brought to the attention of the Instructors team early on. Please do not wait until the last minute to inform the Instructors of issues within the team.

**Rubric**

At each Milepost in project execution your team will submit specific items in a Milepost Document, as listed below.

*Milepost 1 Document*

* Team name
* Team members’ names
* Project manager’s name
* Each team member’s signed duties
* Description of the problem
* How you plan to mitigate the problem
* Challenges you anticipate
* Achievements, if any, so far
* Milepost 2 goals

*Milepost 2 Document*

*Final Deliverables*

* *Report*
* *Poster.* This will be a digital conference-style poster that illustrates your project. Here’s a [guide](https://guides.nyu.edu/posters). Please feel free to post other references you found valuable to Canvas.

Mid-Term Exam (Reflection Paper)

The midterm “exam” is a reflection paper on the broad topic of ***sustainability***. **Further details will be announced on or around Monday September 20, 2021**. As listed in the Syllabus, it is **due on Sunday October 10, 2021 11:59 PM**. Please abide by the following guidelines:

* 5-8 pp single-spaced, 1000-2000 words
* Use any resources you would like (text, Google Scholar, etc.)
* Cite per scholarly best practices
* Include but do not limit your paper to the following categories on which you’ll be assessed:
  + Important general considerations – 40%
  + Stakeholder impact on sustainability – 30%
  + Examples of sustainability failures and their causes – 30%

Class Participation

You will have an opportunity to acquire up to 1% on your final average if you have provided *substantive* class participation. This is defined as a minimum of no less than 15 posts by you which accomplish one of the following:

* Answer a classmate’s question
* Post information of interest and relevance to the curriculum