

How Course Grades Are Calculated

There is only one letter grade in this course: the course grade I enter for you at the end of the term. Your course grade is determined by comparing the amount of work you have earned a Complete on to the expectations shown in the table below, which serves as a contract for course grades.

Effort Expectations Contract for Each Grade Level

Grade Level	Effort Expectations
A	Earn a Complete on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five Major Project Submissions• 95% of the Check-In Surveys• 95% of the Weekly Activities (Try-Its, Self-Checks, & Other Weekly Activities)
B	Earn a Complete on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four Major Project Submissions• 85% of the Check-In Surveys• 85% of the Weekly Activities (Try-Its, Self-Checks, & Other Weekly Activities)
C	Earn a Complete on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Three Major Project Submissions• 75% of the Check-In Surveys• 75% of the Weekly Activities (Try-Its, Self-Checks, & Other Weekly Activities)
D	Earn a Complete on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Two Major Project Submissions• 65% of the Check-In Surveys• 65% of the Weekly Activities (Try-Its, Self-Checks, & Other Weekly Activities)
F	Earn a Complete on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fewer than two of the Major Project Submissions• 64% or less of the Check-In Surveys• 64% or less of the Weekly Activities (Try-Its, Self-Checks, & Other Weekly Activities)

Additional Grade Calculation Guidelines

- There is no math calculation involved. I do not average the percentages or make any other calculation with the numbers to determine your grade.
- I start with your course grade for the Major Projects and then move your grade up or down based on how you did in the other categories.
- The different **categories listed on the Effort Expectations Contract (on the previous page) are not equivalent**. The Major Projects category is the most important category and holds the strongest weight on your grade.
- To earn a Complete for the group projects, you must participate fully in the projects as well as submit documents that meet the basic criteria.
- To earn an A or an A-, you must earn a Complete on all of the Major Projects.
- You cannot pass the course without earning a Complete on at least two Major Projects. If you have an F for the Major Projects category, you have an F as your course grade.

Checking Your Progress

Use these instructions to determine where your work in the course falls at any point:

1. Find the percentages for the work you have Completed on the **Grades** page in Canvas. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find a table of categories and details on the work you have completed, like this example:

Name	Score	Out of
Major Projects	80%	4.00/5.00
Check-In Surveys	85%	12.00/14.00
Weekly Activities	75%	27.00/36.00

2. Check the chart of Effort Expectations Contract for Each Grade Level (on page 16) to find the expected percentages for each category.
3. Compare the percentages on the Canvas Grades page to the expectations on the Effort Expectations Contract for Each Grade Level. For instance, the student in the example image has 85% for Check-In Surveys; therefore, I marked that the student is in the B range for that category.
4. Determine your progress strictly according to the percentage cut-offs. Do not round up.
5. Look at the overall numbers to decide which course grade you are closest to. Keep the Additional Grade Calculation Guidelines listed above in mind.