

Grading

Your grade will be based on the total number of points received for each of the following assignments:

First short writing assignment	20 possible points
First paper	50 possible points
Second short writing assignment	20 possible points
Second paper	50 possible points
Final exam	60 possible points

Total possible points = 200

Letter grades will be calculated according to a variant of the “Tens System”. Conversion from points to letter grades is as follows:

186-200	A
180-185	A-
174-179	B+
166-173	B
160-165	B-
154-159	C+
146-153	C
140-145	C-
120-139	D
0-119	F

Note: The work you receive back during the semester will be assigned a point value only. I will not be handing out letter grades until the end of the semester, at which time I will determine your final letter grade by summing all the points you have earned, including extra credit points, and converting to the letter grade determined by the above chart.

Paper length and format

Paper length must be at least 5 pages and no longer than 7 pages. In addition, there must be 1 page at the end for bibliography (making the total required length between 6 and 8 pages). Papers must be typed in Times New Roman 12 point font and double-spaced. Under no conditions will I accept a hand written paper.

Late submissions

I will accept late papers, however any student submitting a late paper will be penalized based on the number of weekdays that have passed since the due date. A paper that would normally receive a grade of A but is turned in one day late will receive an A-. For example, an A paper due Friday that is turned in on the following Monday will receive an A-. If the same paper is turned in on Tuesday, it will receive a B+, and if it is turned in on Wednesday, it will receive a B, etc. No paper over a week late will be accepted. I will grant extensions for illnesses and personal emergencies, however I must be informed of

such a situation at least 24 hours prior to the due date. I may ask for a doctor's note in case of illness.

Attendance

I will be taking attendance. I know this can be tedious, but there are two very good reasons. First, I am very bad with names and this will help me get to know who each of you are. Second, attendance is very important. Although I will post some notes from class online, just doing the reading and going over the notes is no substitute for actually being there. Philosophy is a social (not a private) endeavor!

Extra credit

I provide two ways in which students can earn extra credit points. The first is by attending film/documentary presentations. These will be scheduled in the evenings at several times during the semester. Students receive 2 points for each presentation they attend. I'm not sure at this point exactly how many of these I will schedule.

The second is by attending class. I will award 5 bonus points to students who miss no more than 1 week of classes over the entire semester. Since this class meets three times a week, you must miss no more than 3 classes to receive these extra points. (Note: Students should not count on extra credit points to significantly alter their grade. For example, attendance at three films, which will earn a student 6 points may lift his/her grade from a B to a B+, but cannot lift it from a B to an A-.)