

POLI 203, Race, Innocence, and the End of the Death Penalty  
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 Spring 2020

Review of changes to grading formula  
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This memo summarizes changes to the grading formula to be used. The table below copies the original statement about grades from the syllabus, notes any changes in underlined text, and provides the original and revised grading weights for each element.

Assignments will be as follows:

Assignment	Original Plan Percent	Updated after Covid Percent
Attendance and active participation in your discussion sections	10	10
A five-page (1500 word) paper on a particular aspect of the book you read in section, as assigned by your TA	20	20
A five-page (1500 word) paper focusing narrowly on a particular element of the death penalty, with approval of your TA ( <u>revised assignment is 7.5 pages, 30 percent of grade</u> )	20	30
Active participation in the development of a group presentation to the main class lecture, again as assigned by your TA ( <u>this part of the course was cancelled, replaced by longer paper above</u> )	10	0
Occasional quizzes in lecture ( <u>these quizzes have been regular since return from Spring break; there will be six</u> )	10	10
Attendance at the speakers events ( <u>Note: grades are based on how many events you missed, with 2 misses bringing a 5 point reduction and 3 misses bringing a loss of all 10 points. No one will be marked absent for the events that were cancelled.</u> )	10	10
Final exam	20	
<u>Final exam, Part A, five quizzes, 10 questions each, to be done between April 27 and 3pm May 5 (50% of the final)</u>		10
<u>Final exam, Part B, two additional posts to your Sakai forums, due April 24 (30% of the final, graded credit / no credit)</u>		6
<u>Final exam, Part C, narrative response to a prompt provided on May 4 and due by 3pm on May 5 (20 percent of the final, graded credit / no credit)</u>		4
Total	100	100

I know this is a stressful period for all, but I think these adjustments will make it easier for everyone. And, remember you have a P/F option.