

PARTICIPATION RUBRIC

RATIONALE: Regular Zoom attendance and asynchronous participation is crucial to this course's success. At the same time, we find ourselves pursuing education at an extraordinary time when each of us will be facing unique challenges at home. For this reason, I have developed what might be called a gamified point system for participation. The result should encourage you to participate in the class as much as possible by rewarding you with points without unduly hurting those who might encounter obstacles to participating regularly.

Please note that while all the other assignments will distribute points in accordance with a typical grading system (e.g., 9/10 would mean a 90% or an "A-"), the points used here do not follow that convention. Instead they should make it possible for most of you to receive A-'s and B+'s with considerable potential to achieve an A. There are two main point categories: *basic participation* and *bonus participation*. The tables break down as follows:

BASIC PARTICIPATION

FORMAT	PARTICIPATION POINTS	ACTIVITY	TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE IN THIS CATEGORY
ZOOM	1	per Zoom session if you participate at least once.	13
ASYNCRONOUS	1	per Discussion post assignment	12
WORKSHOP	4	per workshop for submitting your work and participating.	8

***TOTAL BASIC PARTICIPATION POINTS POSSIBLE: 33**

BONUS PARTICIPATION

FORMAT	PARTICIPATION POINTS	ACTIVITY
ZOOM	5	if you don't miss any Zoom sessions.
ZOOM	3	if you only miss one Zoom session

ZOOM	2	if you only miss two Zoom sessions
ZOOM	1	if you only miss one Zoom session
ZOOM	5	if you often participate more than once per Zoom session.
ZOOM	3	if you engage your classmates' answers routinely.
ASYNCRONOUS	4	if you routinely post more than once per discussion board prompt (i.e., you respond to your classmates' responses)

***TOTAL BONUS PARTICIPATION POINTS POSSIBLE: 17**

POINT TOTAL = LETTER GRADE CONVERSATION TABLE

POINT TOTAL (BASIC +BONUS)	GRADE
40+	A
32-39	A-
26-31	B+
20-25	B
18-19	B-
<18	F

Beginning on Week 2, I will update your weekly point totals in a Google Sheets file in your Drive folder. Bonus participation points will be awarded at the end of the term.