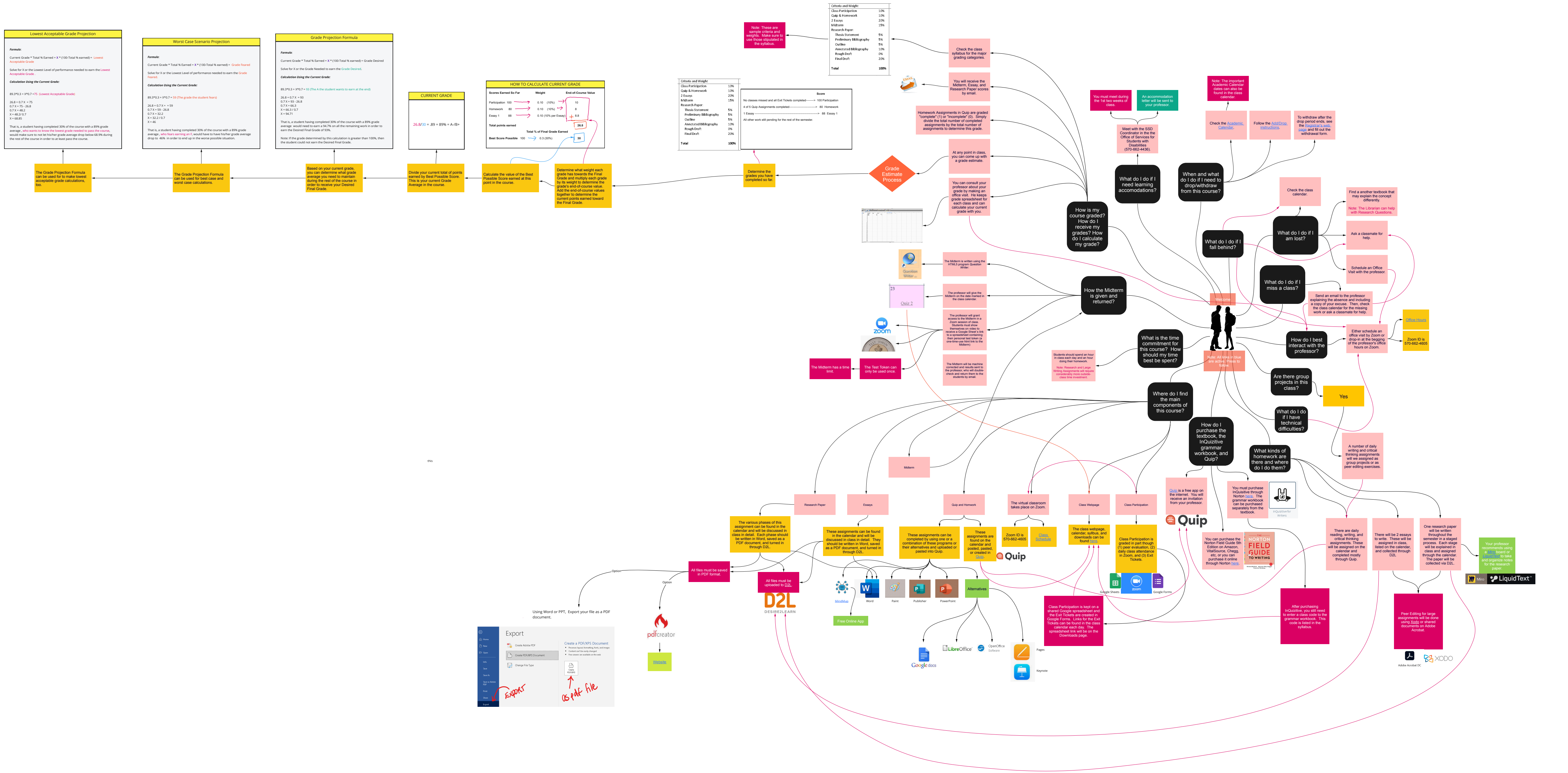
Lowest Acceptable Grade Projection
Formula:
Current Grade * Total % Earned + X * (100-Total % earned) = Lowest Acceptable Grade
Solve for X or the Lowest Level of performance needed to earn the Lowest Acceptable Grade .
Calculation Using the Current Grade:
89.3*0.3 + X*0.7 =75 (Lowest Acceptable Grade)
26.8 + 0.7 X = 75
0.7 X = 75 - 26.8
0.7 X = 48.2
X = 48.2/ 0.7
X = 68.85
That is, a student having completed 30% of the course with a 89% grade average , who wants to know the lowest grade needed to pass the course, would make sure to not let his/her grade average drop below 68.9% during the rest of the course in order to at least pass the course.
Worst Case Scenario Projection
Formula:
Current Grade * Total % Earned + X * (100-Total % earned) = Grade Feared
Solve for X or the Lowest Level of performance needed to earn the Grade Feared.
Calculation Using the Current Grade:
89.3*0.3 + X*0.7 = 59 (The grade the student fears)
26.8 + 0.7 X = = 59
0.7 X = 59 - 26.8
0.7 X = 32.2
X = 32.2 / 0.7
X = 46
That is, a student having completed 30% of the course with a 89% grade average , who fears earning an F, would have to have his/her grade average drop to 46% in order to end up in the worse possible situation.
Grade Projection Formula
Formula:
Current Grade * Total % Earned + X * (100-Total % earned) = Grade Desired
Solve for X or the Grade Needed to earn the Grade Desired.
Calculation Using the Current Grade:
89.3*0.3 + X*0.7 = 93 (The A the student wants to earn at the end)
26.8 + 0.7 X = 93
0.7 X = 93 - 26.8
0.7 X = 66.3
X = 66.3 / 0.7
X = 94.71
That is, a student having completed 30% of the course with a 89% grade average would need to earn a 94.7% on all the remaining work in order to earn the Desired Final Grade of 93%.
Note: If the grade determined by this calculation is greater than 100%, then the student could not earn the Desired Final Grade.
CURRENT GRADE
26.8/30 = .89 = 89% = A-/B+
HOW TO CALCULATE CURRENT GRADE
Scores Earned So Far
Weight
End-of-Course Value
Participation 100
0.10 (10%)
10
Homework 80
0.10 (10%)
8
Essay 1 88
0.10 (10% per Essay)
8.8
Total points earned
26.8
Total % of Final Grade Earned
Best Score Possible 100
0.3 (30%)
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The Grade Projection Formula can be used for to make lowest acceptable grade calculations, too.
The Grade Projection Formula can be used for best case and worst case calculations.
Based on your current grade, you can determine what grade average you need to maintain during the rest of the course in order to receive your Desired Final Grade.
Divide your current total of points earned by Best Possible Score. This is your current Grade Average in the course.
Calculate the value of the Best Possible Score earned at this point in the course.
Determine what weight each grade has towards the Final Grade and multiply each grade by its weight to determine the grade's end-of-course value. Add the end-of-course values together to determine the current points earned toward the Final Grade.
Determine the grades you have completed so far.
Criteria and Weight
Class Participation 10%
Quip & Homework 10%
2 Essays 20%
Midterm 15%
Research Paper:
Thesis Statement 5%
Preliminary Bibliography 5%
Outline 5%
Annotated Bibliography 10%
Rough Draft 0%
Final Draft 20%
Total 100%
Score
No classes missed and all Exit Tickets completed--------> 100 Participation
4 of 5 Quip Assignments completed------------------------> 80 Homework
1 Essay --> 88 Essay 1
All other work still pending for the rest of the semester.
Grade Estimate Process
Note: These are sample criteria and weights. Make sure to use those stipulated in the syllabus.
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Preliminary Bibliography 5%
Outline 5%
Annotated Bibliography 10%
Rough Draft 0%
Final Draft 20%
Total 100%
Check the class syllabus for the major grading categories.
EMAIL
You will receive the Midterm, Essay, and Research Paper scores by email.
Homework Assignments in Quip are graded "complete" (1) or "incomplete" (0). Simply divide the total number of completed assignments by the total number of assignments to determine this grade.
At any point in class, you can come up with a grade estimate.
You can consult your professor about your grade by making an office visit. He keeps grade spreadsheet for each class and can calculate your current grade with you.
How is my course graded? How do I receive my grades? How do I calculate my grade?
What do I do if I need learning accomodations?
Meet with the SSD Coordinator in the the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (570-662-4436).
You must meet during the 1st two weeks of class.
An accommodation letter will be sent to your professor.
When and what do I do if I need to drop/withdraw from this course?
Check the Academic Calendar.
Note: The important Academic Calendar dates can also be found in the class calendar.
Follow the Add/Drop instructions.
To withdraw after the drop period ends, see the Registrar's web page and fill out the withdrawal form.
What do I do if I fall behind?
Check the class calendar.
What do I do if I am lost?
Find a another textbook that may explain the concept differently.
Note: The Librarian can help with Research Questions.
Ask a classmate for help.
Schedule an Office Visit with the professor.
What do I do if I miss a class?
Send an email to the professor explaining the absence and including a copy of your excuse. Then, check the class calendar for the missing work or ask a classmate for help.
Welcome
Note: All links in blue are active. Press to follow.
How do I best interact with the professor?
Either schedule an office visit by Zoom or drop-in at the begging of the professor's office hours on Zoom.
Office Hours
Zoom ID is 570-662-4605
Are there group projects in this class?
Yes
A number of daily writing and critical thinking assignments will we assigned as group projects or as peer editing exercises.
What do I do if I have technical difficulties?
How the Midterm is given and returned?
The Midterm is written using the HTML5 program Question Writer.
Question Writer ...
The professor will give the Midterm on the date marked in the class calendar.
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Quiz 2
The professor will grant access to the Midterm in a Zoom session of class. Students must show themselves on video to receive a Google Sheet's link to a spreadsheet containing their personal test token (a one-time-use html link to the Midterm)
zoom
TEST TOKEN
The Test Token can only be used once.
The Midterm has a time limit.
The Midterm will be machine corrected and results sent to the professor, who will double-check and return them to the students by email.
What is the time commitment for this course? How should my time best be spent?
Students should spend an hour in class each day and an hour doing their homework.
Note: Research and Large Writing Assignments will require considerably more outside-class time investment.
Where do I find the main components of this course?
Midterm
Research Paper
Essays
Quip and Homwork
The virtual classroom takes place on Zoom.
Class Webpage
Class Participation
The various phases of this assignment can be found in the calendar and will be discussed in class in detail. Each phase should be written in Word, saved as a PDF document, and turned in through D2L.
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These assignments can be completed by using one or a combination of these programs or their alternatives and uploaded or pasted into Quip.
These assignments are found on the calendar and posted, pasted, or created in Quip.
Zoom ID is 570-662-4605
Class Schedule
The class webpage, calendar, syllbus, and downloads can be found here.
Class Participation is graded in part though (1) peer evaluation, (2) daily class attendance in Zoom, and (3) Exit Tickets.
Google Sheets
zoom
Google Forms
Class Participation is kept on a shared Google spreadsheet and the Exit Tickets are created in Google Forms. Links for the Exit Tickets can be found in the class calendar each day. The spreadsheet link will be on the Downloads page.
All files must be saved in PDF format.
All files must be uploaded to D2L.
D2L
DESIRE2LEARN
MindMup
Free Online App
Word
Paint
Publisher
PowerPoint
Alternatives
Google docs
LibreOffice
OpenOffice Software
Pages
Keynote
Quip
Option
Using Word or PPT, Export your file as a PDF document.
Export
Home
New
Open
Info
Save
Save As
Save as Adobe PDF
Print
Share
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Create Adobe PDF
Create PDF/XPS Document
Change File Type
Create a PDF/XPS Document
Preserves layout, formatting, fonts, and images
Content can't be easily changed
Free viewers are available on the web
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How do I purchase the textbook, the InQuizitive grammar workbook, and Quip?
Quip is a free app on the internet. You will receive an invitation from your professor.
Quip
You must purchase InQuisitive through Norton here. The grammar workbook can be purchased separately from the textbook.
InQuizitive for Writers
You can purchase the Norton Field Guide 5th Edition on Amazon, VitalSource, Chegg, etc, or you can purchase it online through Norton here.
THE NORTON FIELD GUIDE TO WRITING
After purchasing InQuizitive, you still need to enter a class code to the grammar workbook. This code is listed in the syllabus.
What kinds of homework are there and where do I do them?
There are daily reading, writing, and critical thinking assignments. These will be assigned on the calendar and completed mostly through Quip.
There will be 2 essays to write. These will be assigned in class, listed on the calendar, and collected through D2L
One research paper will be written throughout the semester in a staged process. Each stage will be explained in class and assigned through the calendar. The paper will be collected via D2L.
Your professor recommends using a Miro board or LiquidText to take and organize notes for the research paper.
Miro
LiquidText
Peer Editing for large assignments will be done using Xodo or shared documents on Adobe Acrobat.
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