

Three quick tips for doing well in the course

1. *Come to class* (when you must miss, let the instructor know ahead of time; afterwards, talk to a class-mate about what happened – get their lecture notes, visit the instructor in office hours).
2. *Do the readings ahead of time, and read ‘actively’* – pay attention to what you’re reading, ask yourself what point(s) the author(s) is trying to make, why this matters, what questions you’d like to ask the author, and so on.
3. *If you’re having trouble with any of the course material, speak to the instructor right away.*

Beyond the student’s having adequately addressed the topic question(s) on which he/she writes, evaluation of the short assignments and term paper will be based on: evidence of comprehension of the materials and issues addressed; evidence of original and critical thought with regard to that material; the extent to which the student stakes out a position and provides good reasons and arguments for it; the extent to which the student communicates his/her ideas clearly (using complete and grammatical sentences, correct terms, a clear essay structure, and so on). For the short assignments and term paper, *the use of outside materials (i.e., any readings not assigned for the course) is permitted only if you have received the instructor’s permission ahead of time.* Any materials used for the short essays (i.e., any course readings) must be properly cited in the standard way.

The standard University grading scheme will be used. Here is an excerpt:³

Grade	Point Value	Percentage	Description
A+			
A			

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism and other forms of cheating will not be tolerated. It is each student's responsibility to know the University's regulations in this regard. The Policy on Academic Integrity is published in the University Calendar.⁴ You can also consult the Libraries' plagiarism guide.⁵

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Schedule of Topics and Readings: TBA, as the start of term approaches