

General Grading Rubric
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General Rubric:

In general, grades will be assigned as follows:

- Grades in the A range are assigned for superior or exceptional work that goes well beyond merely satisfying course requirements and expectations.
- Grades in the B range reflect work that is above average in quality and fulfills all course requirements and expectations.
- Grades in the C range are assigned for work that is satisfactory in quality and completes most of the course requirements and expectations.
- Grades in the D range are assigned for work that is below average in quality in many respects or fulfills less than two-thirds of the course requirements and expectations.
- The grade of F is assigned for work that is unsatisfactory, not only below average in quality, but deficient in other respects, and fulfills half or less of the course requirements and expectations.

By way of illustration, consider the following application of the above rubric to the assignment of baking a cake:

- A Completely made from scratch with good ingredients, moist, holds up to the roughest handling. Beautiful frosting with carefully crafted decorations.
- B Store bought cake mix, but tweaked the recipe to make it better. Added some outside ingredients to make it tasty, moist, and doesn't fall apart when eaten. Decent frosting, but nothing spectacular.
- C Store bought cake mix. Followed instructions correctly. Just a store-bought cake mix cake, nothing extra; rather dry and crumbly. Doesn't hold together well, but manages to be a cake.
- D Looks like a cake, but maybe baked brownies instead; or missing some ingredients, burnt, etc...
- F Completely jacked up, inedible, or missing ingredients. Or perhaps a steak. Even the best stake isn't a cake.