

## **Course Evaluation and Grading Guidelines**

**General Course Objectives:** This course is designed to help you meet the following objectives and goals:

As this Web course is 100% Web-based, it is critical that you have experiences while taking this course that are parallel to or otherwise comparable to the kinds of experiences you would have in a classroom, including the opportunity to interact with other students and with your instructor and that you meet standards that assure you the best possible learning experience, consistent with the same high standards Bridgewater State College requires of its face-to-face courses. As with any course you take, information covered in Web courses must potentially prepare you for other course work, for graduate study, for careers and for making the kinds of personal and professional decisions that assure you life success. Thus, Web courses must be able to provide you with the knowledge, understanding, and practice of skills in thinking and writing that will best serve you as a life-long learner. Students who enjoy the independence and flexibility permitted by Web courses and who thrive on managing their own time tend to do well in Web courses. In choosing to take this Web course, you are choosing to take increased responsibility for yourself, your time, your decision-making and your life. Congratulations—this is a fine achievement and I hope you will give yourself every opportunity to enjoy and benefit from the experience.

Your final grade for this course will be based on the following guidelines and assumes completion of all course work including viewing audio-video modules based on actual classroom lecture/discussion, assigned text and related readings, as well as other course assignments, including online interactive discussion (17%), the Wiki group collaborative project (17%), and periodic exams (66%).\* (See below as well as other course documentation for further description of the resources and requirements mentioned here.)

### **Course Grading Guidelines**

<b>Performance Level*</b>	<b>Grade Point Range*</b>	<b>Indicators*</b>
Exemplary—Commendable  (Please note that for this and following grading criteria, receiving a grade means meeting all the criteria for that grade)	93-100  A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes all course assignments and activities</li> <li>• Assignments include references to course readings and modules (where applicable)</li> <li>• Course work reflects active engagement with and mastery of the course content and goes beyond the minimum contributions necessary to meet course requirements.</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 93-100</li> </ul>
	92-100  A-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of A</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 90-92</li> </ul>
Better than adequate—Very Good	88-89  B+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes all course assignments and activities</li> <li>• Assignments include references to course readings and modules (where applicable)</li> <li>• Course work reflects active engagement with course and mastery of content that goes beyond the minimum necessary to meet course requirements.</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 88-89</li> </ul>
	83-87  B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of B+</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 83-87</li> </ul>
	80-82  B-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of B+</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 80-82</li> </ul>
Adequate—Satisfactory	78-79  C+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completes all course assignments and activities</li> <li>• Work reflects reading of assignments and viewing of modules</li> <li>• Includes references to course readings (where applicable)</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Course work meets minimum course requirements</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 78-79</li> </ul>
	73-77 C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of C+</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 73-77</li> </ul>
	70-72 C-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of C+</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 70-72</li> </ul>
Needs improvement	68-69 D+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does not complete all course assignments or assignments submitted are incomplete</li> <li>• Work fails to reflect reading of assignments and viewing of modules</li> <li>• Course work fails to meet minimum course requirements</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 68-69</li> </ul>
	63-67 D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of D+</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 63-67</li> </ul>
	60-62 D-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets above guidelines for course grade of D+</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is between 60-62</li> </ul>
Fails to fulfill course requirements	59 and below F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fails to complete and/or meet minimum course requirements as described above</li> <li>• Average grade for all course work is 59 or below</li> </ul>

**\*Text, Related Reading, and Audio-Video Modules:** It is assumed that you will have the text (or texts) for this course and that you will complete the readings assigned in the text as well as any other course readings necessary for you to complete various course assignments. Do not try to take this course without the text. Your success in this course also depends upon your viewing a number of short audio-video modules (ranging from 2 to 4 hours of viewing per unit—unlike lecture in the classroom, these modules may be paused and/or reviewed in whole or in part as often as you wish). Drawn from classroom lecture and discussion, these modules provide you with an essential framework for understanding and appreciating the subject matter of this course and the success of your online contributions to discussions, your collaborative wiki project, as well as your exam performance will reflect and depend upon you having viewed them (see separate course document describing the modules and how they work).

**Exams (66%):** You will have six exams to assess your mastery of material presented in your text, readings, and the modules. All exams are open book and you should always have your text, notes and other provided handouts available when taking an exam. Exam questions are designed to assess your understanding of course concepts, their relationships to one another, and their implications.

**(Students also are provided with comparable instructions and rubrics for their online discussion and group wiki projects – email me for samples: [stodd@bridgew.edu](mailto:stodd@bridgew.edu))**

**Discussion (17%) and Wiki (group) Project (17% --see below):** there is considerable overlap between these two areas. You are expected to participate in regularly weekly online discussions. As your instructor, I will also be participating in these online discussions and projects.

**Wiki Project (17%):** there is considerable overlap between the online discussions contributions requirement and the Wiki project. See separate document describing details of selecting your wiki topic and how to develop your collaborative wiki.