



A few important details:

Attendance is worth 15% of your grade. If you miss 6 classes, you fail the attendance portion of your grade, no matter what the reason is. This means you have **FIVE** classes you can miss! However, lateness of over 15 minutes counts as half an absence. Lateness of over 35 min counts as an entire absence (come on! The class is only an hour and 15 mins!) The conference hour counts as an entirely separate class session and an entirely separate absence.



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Homework is due **BEFORE** class starts, usually on the Open Lab (unless otherwise noted.) I do not accept late homework. Why? Because homework is in preparation for what we're doing in class that day! If it's late, you've missed the point of it.

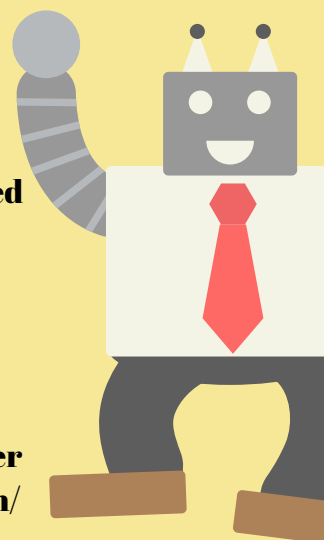


Rough drafts for big paper assignments are worth double a regular homework assignment and also count for attendance. That is, if you show up to class on rough draft day without a rough draft, you'll be counted absent. This is because you won't be able to participate in class that day.

Now for the good news!

Homework is graded on completion. Basically, you just have to do it to get the credit. I mean, if you totally phone it in or do only half the word count, of course you'll get marked down, but for the most part, you'll get full credit for the homework and participation grade simply for showing up to class and doing the work!

In my experience (and I have been at this for a while) people who do their homework consistently, do well on their papers and people who don't do their homework don't do well (no matter how well they did in English class in high school.) The homework is never just busywork—it's always there to help build to final essay assignments. So this is a win/win for you.



The other 50%: FINAL PORTFOLIO

The other half of your grade will be your final portfolio. This will consist of revised versions of your three major papers from this semester, as well as an author's statement introducing your work (we'll talk more about this when the time comes.)

Keep in mind that we'll be working on these papers all semester long. You'll submit finished drafts of them (on the due dates below.) I will give you grades on them at that time. However, these grades will be provisional, meaning you can always improve them when you revise your work.

