

CALCULATING YOUR GRADE
ComS 100C
Introduction to Scientific Methods in Communication Research

Each of the four exams will have different total possible points based on the number of questions on the exam and the points assigned to each question. For example, the total possible points for Exam 1 could be 165; Exam 2 = 210; Exam 3 = 175, and the Final = 145.

Scores for each exam range from 0 to 100, and are calculated by dividing the points you received on an exam by the total possible points for that exam, and then multiplying by 100. For example, if you received 135 points on Exam 1, your score would be 81.8 ($135 / 165 \times 100 = 81.8$).

Since each exam is weighted equally toward your final grade, the average of two or three exam scores tells you your current grade in the class. For example, a student received a score of 81.8 on Exam 1 and 88.0 on Exam 2. The average of these scores is 84.9. Thus, the student's approximate grade after Exam 1 and Exam 2 is a B.

92 to 100	A
90 to 91	A-
87 to 89	B+
84 to 86	B
80 to 83	B-
77 to 79	C+
74 to 76	C
70 to 73	C-

Etc.