

Keep track of your progress in class, by keeping a tally of the points you earn in each class.

Point-based Grading System

If your professor uses a point-based grading system, you can use simple addition/subtraction to keep track of your grades. Professors outline the number of points necessary for you to earn the letter grades outlined in the syllabus. To identify the points necessary for the final letter grade, you can calculate up to how many points you're able to miss and still earn that grade.

Example:

You can earn a total of 100 points for this class and the point system is broken up as follows:

In-class Participation.....	8 pts
In-class Writing.....	35 pts
Critique or Theoretical Application.....	15 pts
Final Project.....	30 pts
Handout.....	7 pts
Take-home Exam.....	5 pts

Total = 100

The letter grade break-down:

A	95-100 pts
A-	90-94.99 pts
B+	87-89.99 pts
B	83-86.99 pts
B-	80-82.99 pts
C+	77-79.99 pts
C	73-76.99 pts
C-	70-72.99 pts
D+	67-69.99 pts
D	60-66.99 pts
F	59.99 pts

If your goal is to earn an A grade in this class example, you cannot miss more than 5 points because 95-100 points is an A grade. You can keep track of your progress in the class by keeping track of how many points you miss along the way. Assume that you have 100 points at the start of class and every time you do not earn full marks on an assignment, you subtract points from the total possible. If you're unclear on how to keep track of your progress in class, set up a time to meet with your professor and create a system to keep track of your grade in a way that is easy for you to understand and manage.

Additional grade calculation resources:

<http://www.calculatemygrade.com/>

<http://www.wikihow.com/Calculate-Your-Grade>

http://www.benegg.net/grade_calculator.html

<http://www.ocf.berkeley.edu/~immer/gradecalc.html>