

ACADEMIC SUCCESS IN CANADA INFORMATION SESSION INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

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We acknowledge and respect the Ləkwəŋən (Songhees and Esquimalt) Peoples on whose territory the university stands, and the Ləkwəŋən and WSÁNEĆ Peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.

SESSION OVERVIEW

What to expect/What is expected from you

- 1. Your syllabus
- 2. The grading system in Canada
- 3. Group work
- 4. Assignments
- 5. Communicating effectively with professors and TAs
- 6. Academic integrity
- 7. Academic supports and resources





IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'RE DYING TO KNOW?!

Use your text tool to write it here, or post it in the chat. Or just say hi!

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SYLLABUS







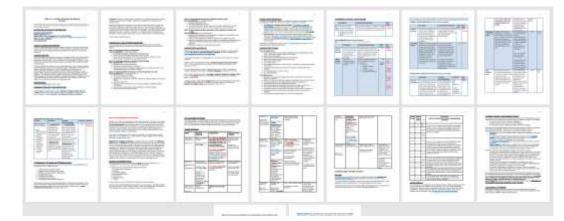


IT'S IN THE SYLLABUS

This message brought to you by every instructor that ever lived.

"Piled Higher and Deeper" by Jorge Cham

YOUR SYLLABUS



Here you can find

- Instructor's preferred name, contact information, office hours
- Class and department policies
- Assignment and grading information
- Course schedule
- Campus and course resources

YOUR SYLLABUS



Tips:

- READ each one carefully
- If you have any questions, ASK EARLY
- PRINT a copy and keep it handy
- TRANSFER IMPORTANT DATES into a master calendar or planner
- READ it again if you have questions later in the term (before emailing or asking your instructor)

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION



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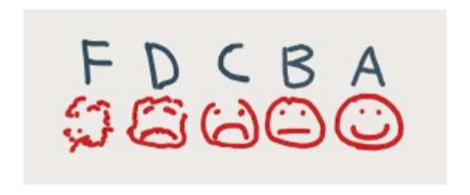
EMAILING PROFESSORS AND TAS

Remember to

- Include your name, V00#, course name/code/time
- Be clear about what you need and when you need it by
- Double check your recipient's preferred form of address and name spelling
- Be polite and err on the side of formality
- Proofread!

A great guide: https://www.purdue.edu/advisors/students/professor.php

GRADING IN CANADA



https://medium.com/bits-and-behavior/grading-is-ineffective-harmful-and-unjust-lets-stop-doing-it-52d2ef8ffc47

THE GRADING SYSTEM

Passing Grades

Grade	Grade Point Value	Percentage*	Description		
A+	9	90 - 100	An A+, A, or A- is earned by work which is technically superior, shows mastery of the subject matter, and in the		
A	8	85 - 89	case of an A+ offers original insight and/or goes beyond		
A-	7	80 - 84	course expectations. Normally achieved by a minority of students.		
B+	6	77 - 79	A B+, B, or B- is earned by work that indicates a good comprehension of the course material, a good command of		
В	5	73 - 76	the skills needed to work with the course material, and the		
B-	4	70 - 72	student's full engagement with the course requirements and activities. A B+ represents a more complex understanding and/or application of the course material.		
C+	3	65 - 69	A C+ or C is earned by work that indicates an adequate comprehension of the course material and the skills neede to work with the course material and that indicates the student has met the basic requirements for completing assigned work and/or participating in class activities.		
С	2	60 - 64			
D	1	50 - 59	A D is earned by work that indicates minimal command of the course materials and/or minimal participation in class activities that is worthy of course credit toward the degree.		

Complete grading information can be found in the Undergraduate Calendar:

https://www.uvic.ca/calendar/future/undergrad/index.php#/policy/S1AAgoGuV?bc=true&bcCurrent=14%20-%20Grading&bcGroup=Undergraduate%20Academic%20Regulations&bcItemType=policies

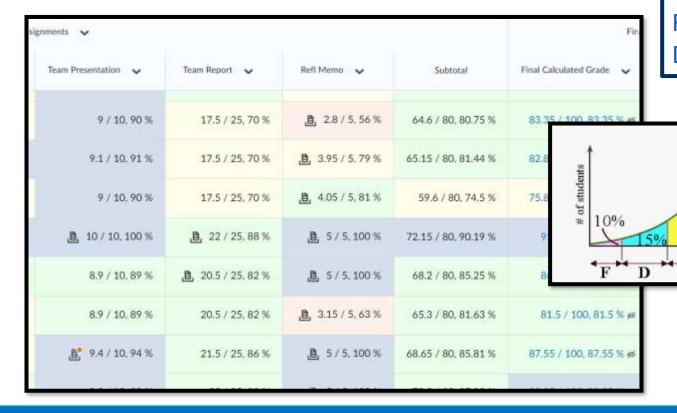
THE GRADING SYSTEM

DEF N/A N/A Deferred status granted. Used only when deferred status has been granted because of illness, an accident or family affliction. See Deferred status.

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YOUR GRADES



Weight? %?
Curve? Median?
Required?
Due date? Grace period?

10%

exam score

50%

PARTICIPATION

You might be expected to

- Ask or answer questions in class
- Participate in small or whole group discussions
- Contribute to online forum discussions or activities
- Participate in peer review of your classmates' work (and receive, evaluate, and implement their feedback on your work)
- Make sure you know what is expected in each class!

GROUP WORK



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GROUP WORK: EXPECTATIONS

You will

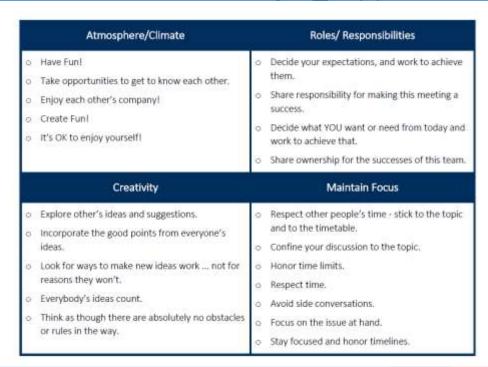
- Participate to the best of your ability
- Inform your group of any absences or difficulty completing tasks
- Respond to your group members promptly
- Ask questions to clarify any part of the task you do not understand
- Take notes during meetings
- Understand your responsibilities and "action items" and complete your tasks on time and to group standards

GROUP WORK: TEAM CHARTERS

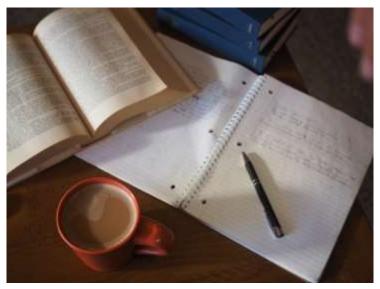
https://www.uvic.ca/hr/assets/docs/manager_support/Group_char

ter team norms.pdf

you might also be asked to participate in peer evaluation based on a charter or contract



ASSIGNMENTS



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ASSIGNMENTS: TYPES & TASKS

- Summary
- Critical response/Critique
- Annotated bibliography
- Research paper
- Personal response/reflection
- Discussion paper
- Reading log
- Lab report
- Proposal
- Personal literacy statement
- Outline

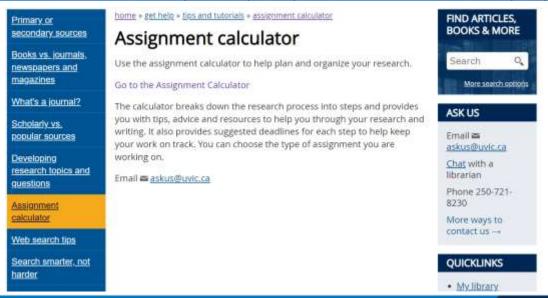


ASSIGNMENTS: TIPS

Get started early!

UVic Library assignment resources:

https://www.uvic.ca/library/help/tips/freecal/index.php



ASSIGNMENTS: TIPS

Follow the instructions! Take note of

- Citation style and format
- What you're being asked to do
- How you're being graded
- What types of sources you need to use
- How and when you need to submit the assignment (pdf? docx?)
- Instructor's preferences

APA



MLA

What is the topic of your research paper?



Use this style for: Sciences like natural, physical and social sciences.



Use this style for: Essays on human society, culture, humanities, historical literature and arts

COMPARE AND CONTRAST

____ In-text citations

(Author's Last Name, Year, Page Number)

Example:

(Jones, 2020, p. 15)

(Author's Last Name and Page Number)

Example: (Jones 15)

Citations

Author's Last Name, Initial. Title in sentence case. No period after URL.

Example:

Austen, J. (1918.) Pride and prejudice. Newton Press. Author's Last Name, First Name. Title in Title Case.

Example

Austen, Jane. Pride and Prejudice. Newton Press, 1918

Formatting Rules

Reference List Title:

References

Title Page: Required

Running Head:

Reference List Title:

Works Cited

Title Page: Not required

Running Head:

https://www.bibliography.com/mla/apa-vs-mla-citation-page/

ASSIGNMENTS: TIPS

Ask for help from

- Your classmates
- Your instructor or TA
- The CAC
- The library
- Your friends and family
- CAL



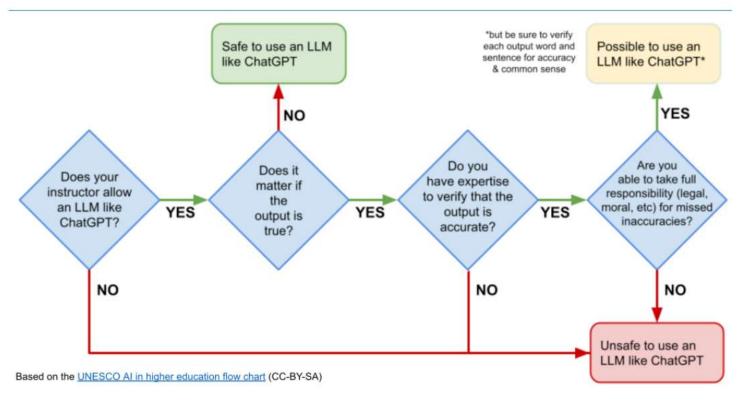
ASSIGNMENTS: CAN YOU USE CHATGPT OR ANOTHER AI TOOL TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK?

It depends!

• The Library has resources: https://libguides.uvic.ca/Al_Tools

 ATWP has guidelines: https://www.uvic.ca/humanities/atwp/current-students/ai-guidelines/index.php

QUESTIONS TO ASK IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING AI USE



Source: https://richmccue.com/2023/08/28/generative-ai-academic-assignments-exclude-or-embrace/

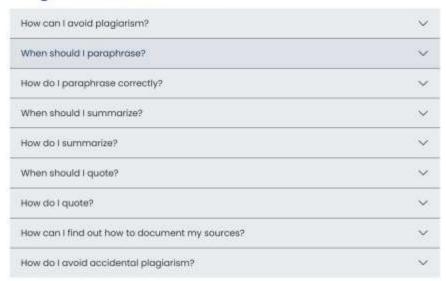


Get familiar with UVic's policy and expectations:

https://www.uvic.ca/students/academics/academic-

integrity/index.php

Plagiarism FAQs



https://www.uvic.ca/library/help/citation/plagiarism/index.php

home » get help » citation help » plagiarism

Plagiarism

- What is plagiarism? "The action or practice of taking someone else's work, idea, etc., and passing it off as one's own; literary theft* (Oxford English Dictionary online, 2006). To avoid plagiarizing and maintain your academic integrity, you should: · Give credit when you use other people's content in your academic work. . Make sure your assignments and exams are entirely your own original work, not someone else's. + Plagiarism at UVic + Types of plagiarism + Avoiding plagiarism When else should I cite? + What don't I have to cite?

WHY DO STUDENTS PLAGIARIZE?

- Poor time management
- Wanting to get a good grade
- Not knowing how to correctly use and cite source material
- Cultural differences in academic integrity practices

WHAT IS PLAGIARISM?

- Buying a paper online or from another student
- Stealing or "borrowing" all or part of someone else's work (even if you have the author's permission)
- Cobbling together a paper by copying and pasting from different sources without citing it appropriately (patch writing)
- Submitting the same assignment for grading twice (you're plagiarizing yourself!)

PLAGIARISM (BY IMPROPER CITATION)

- Personal attributes such as accountability, adaptability to change and the ability to selfmanage take instative and add value; and
- Professional skills such as communication, problem solving and management.

2. The specific congetencies - in six categories

- . Governmer, Strategy, and Risk Management
- Performance Measurement and Reporting
- Assumese
- Finance
- · Management Decision Making, and
- Taxation
- Gain pracribed practical experience with a training affice approved by a Provincial bustings Ordro, which has been discussed above
- Para the UFE the profession's Uniform Evolution. The three-day UFE consists of ture papers and is use by the profession's Board of Evaluation. Conditates have one day to write each individual paper. The UFE is the most suportizat element in the continual process of developing, assessing, and judging the level of your knowledge, shifts and professional values against those required by a CA. These papers challenge candidate to demonstrate their competence by responding to sumulations and between scenarion representing the kinds of challenges they have faced during their work experience, or will soon to Energy in their professional care.

Success rates for student conditioning. The exam is administered once per year during September and approximately 4.000 sudents attempt the exam each year. National pass rates to 2003 to 2008 have been 65.5%, 74.5%, 74.6%, 79.5%, 74.6%, and 71.7% respectively. Exam results are released in early December following each September utting of the UFE. Beginning with the September 2009 UFE, the Board of Evaluations as longer releases studying on pass rates.

The UFE is scored based on primary indicators, Each indicator is assigned a manerical value. If me accors highly competent or computent on an indicator, he do receives full marks. If one scores reasonably competent or commally competent, the vier receive V and V so the volume of the indicator respectively. If condidate's answer is not competent or he size do not address the indicator, then receive no points. For example, if an indicator is worth 6 points, the breakdown is as follows:



Certified Management Accountant (CMA)

The Certified Management Accountant (CMA) designation provides a foundation in accounting management and strategy—using both financial and non-financial information to direct technical and operational decision-making in industry and governance. Subject matter includes strategy, management accounting, corporate finance operations management, internal control, financial accounting, utilities and economics, with an employee on effort. Today, there are more than \$0,000 Certified Management Accountains and students in Causala.

To become a Certified Management Accountant, one needs to ment the following conditions:

Education: One must larve completed a university degree with specific business course credits.

The following table shows the specific business courses needed for a CMA applicant.

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Advanced Financial Accounting	Not evaluate	Introductory Management Accounting	COMBIE
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PATCHWRITING; MISSING CITATION

Most of the people don't know what these words mean and definitely cannot assign it to a sport. But these two words represent my Hobby and in a way also my way of living.

My Hobby is Western Riding. This sport requires skills like precision, empathy, ambition, trust, fairness, respect, endurance and potience. When I started riding and got in contact with horses for the first name it was completely new for me and I felt insecure and a little helpless. After a while it trems out that my fears and amoisties were without any season. We could all learn a lot from the horses and their societal structures. Nonverbal communication is the key to success. They taught me to be patient and that respect is one of the most important values in life. If I would treat them in a bad way they would kick or bite me. Horses have more power than anyone of so and they are smart as well, so it would be easy for them to tweak away or ham someone. The only reason why they stay with us and become our best friend is the fact that trust and respect are the binding elements.

Western Riding originated from the ranch work in the Wild West and become a popular sport in the US. Canada and in many parts of Europe. A particular horse breed is best nutted for this kind of sport. Remaing and cutting horses are smaller in stature; mancular, with quick. In successing and cutting horse to be powerful landquarters. The American Quarter Horse is the best tribute origing and cutting horse; today.

Reining is a western riding competition where the rider guides the hove through a precise pattern of carcles, span, and stops. All work is done at the cauter. Originating from working castle, reining is often described as a Western form of decauge riding. It requires the horse to be responsive and in time with its rider. I want Reining as Germany in collaboration with two conclues for nearly 8 years now.

Cotting is an especition event in the western riding style where a horse and its rider are judged on their ability to separate a single animal away from a cattle herd and keep it away for a short period of time

I love this sport and I will keep on riding until the end of my life.







PLAGIARISM: NOT JUST FOR ACADEMIC WRITING!



Michelle Obama 2008

"And Barack and I were raised with so many of the same values: that you work hard for what you want in life; that your word is your bond and you do what you say you're going to do; that you treat people with dignity and respect, even if you don't know them, and even if you don't agree with them."

And Barack and I set out to build lives guided by these values, and to pass them on to the next generation. Because we want our children — and all children in this nation — to know that the only limit to the height of your achievements is the reach of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."



Melania Trump 2016

"From a young age, my parents impressed on me the values that you work hard for what you want in life, that your word is your bond and you do what you say and keep your promise, that you treat people with respect. They taught and showed me values and morals in their daily lives. That is a lesson that I continue to pass along to our son," And we need to pass those lessons on to the many generations to follow. Because we want our children in this nation to know that the only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work for them."

Highlighted portions appear in both speeches

https://edition.cnn.com/2016/07/19/politics/melania-trump-michelle-obama-speech/index.html

HOW CAN I AVOID IT?!

- Keep track of your sources
- Understand what, when, and how to give attribution
- Practice quoting "..." and paraphrasing
- Leave yourself enough time to write, learn, get feedback, and revise
- Review UVic's resources, and take Academic Integrity Matters: https://bright.uvic.ca/d2l/le/discovery/view/course/132610
- Use a plagiarism checker??? (NO)
- Ask questions if you're not sure

HOW CAN I AVOID IT?

Paraphrase:

- After the intervention, children increased in the number of books read per week (Smith & Wexwood, 2010).
- Smith and Wexwood (2010) reported that after the intervention, children increased in the number of books read per week.

Quote:

- According to Jones (1998), "Students often had difficulty using APA style, especially when it was their first time" (p. 199).
- Jones (1998) found that "students often had difficulty using APA style" (p. 199); what implications does this have for teachers?

Can I use tools like Google Translate (and other translation tools); Grammarly, ChatGPT, and other online "checking" and "content generator" tools?







UVIC RESOURCES

- CAL (Centre for Accessible Learning)
 - https://www.uvic.ca/accessible-learning/index.php
- Library
 - https://www.uvic.ca/library/index.php
- CAC (Centre for Academic Communication): https://www.uvic.ca/learningandteaching/cac/index.php
 - English Conversation Café
 - 1:1 consultations for writing, speaking, presentations, study skills
 - And more!

CAL (CENTRE FOR ACCESSIBLE LEARNING)

https://www.uvic.ca/accessible-learning/index.php

Why register with CAL?

You can register with CAL to receive academic accommodations that will reduce educational barriers if you're a student with:

- a learning disability
- ADHD
- ASD
- a mental health diagnosis
- a long-term recurring physical or sensory disability
- chronic health condition

After you register, we'll work with you, your instructors and others to create learning environments that are inclusive and usable.

UVIC LIBRARIES



THE CAC ONLINE

Welcome to the Centre for Academic Communication!

At the Centre for Academic Communication (CAC), we offer online and in-person one-on-one tutorials, workshops, and more. As a priority, we actively coach students on academic integrity, including preventing accidental plagiarism. Our free services are available to all University of Victoria students. We are here to support students with time management and planning for a successful semester. We also coach students on reading, writing, speaking, understanding academic expectations, and other aspects of academic communication. We can support you in creating academic posters, blogposts, PowerPoint slides, and e-portfolios.

We're easy to find: Come down the main hall of the Meams Centre for Learning / McPherson Library and turn right at the Learning Commons. We're at the end of the hall. See you soon!



- · Book an appointment with a tutor.
- · Get written feedback and online help
- · Take one of our workshops



- . View our tips & guides
- · Self-enroll in the CAC Brightspace course
- · Watch our self-help videos

Upcoming Workshops Meet with us Access our resources

(2) Check out our May to July workshops here!



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- Events

- Aug 28 Effective time-management strategies workshop
- . Sep 18 Setting up for a successful semester
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More events

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Documents

Videos

- Writing tips
- How to Write Well
- Articles and Nouns
- Using Prepositions
- Commas, Colons, Semicolons
- How to Use Transitional Words and Phrases
- List of Transitional Words
- Sentence Types
- Order of Writing Pyramid & Self-editing list
- Writing Strong Paragraphs
- How to Write Academically
- Forming a Research Question
- ☐ Thesis Statements
- Organizing a Scientific Report
- Scientific Writing: Good Paragraphs
- Note-taking Worksheet

HOW THE CAC CAN HELP

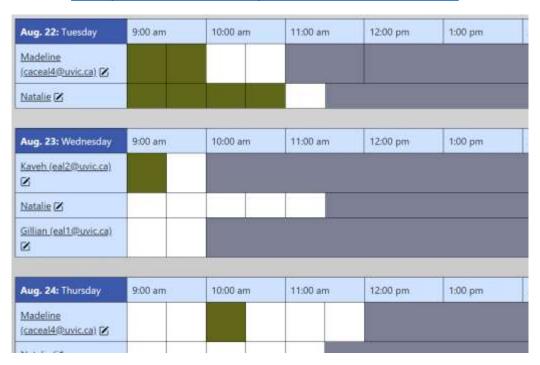
Make an appt with a consultant to help you

- Understand your assignment instructions
- Brainstorm ideas for a topic, thesis, or argument
- Understand how to find relevant and appropriate sources
- Outline and organize a draft
- Understand expectations of a genre
- Proofread and edit your draft
- Find resources and strategies to help you with writing, speaking, time management, and more!

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BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

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Thank you for coming!

Any questions or comments?

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