

SPCO 203 Reading Assignment – DUE 1/16/24

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A Word About Grades

In a recent study by researchers at the University of California, a third of students surveyed expect a B just for attending class, and 40 percent said they deserved a B for only completing the course requirements. It is my goal to help you think differently about this class and your university experience, as well as help you connect your education to your profession.

Working hard, or working harder than someone else, does not mean that I deserve a higher mark.

Working hard, putting in many hours, does not create a good paper or performance. Natural creativity and a well-organized thought process is the key to successful problem solving.

Be careful not to confuse the level of effort with the quality of work. A lot of effort does not merit a higher grade.

The default grade for completing everything per the criteria on the course syllabus, including attendance, is a C, not an A.

I am expected to read and research for knowledge and perform either on paper or actively with the goal of exploring ideas.

I will not get a grade, I will earn a grade, and therefore I deserve the grade posted.

As this class is a performance class, PRACTICE is absolutely necessary. I will be expected to work on my voice and /or speech exercises for at least one hour each day at three 20-minute intervals.

The academic burden falls to me, the student. Therefore, I take it upon myself to read, research, and concept my proposed problem (be it test, paper, or performance) to a higher solution. When I develop a genuine interest in the field of voice and speech, a holistic and intrinsically motivated learning can take place, which better prepares me for the world, no matter my chosen field.