

Class Website The home for information about the course is the course website: http://www.ericejohnson.com/courses/science_and_law_20/ It has the syllabus and chart of assignments. It's where I'll post slideshows, handouts, links to supplemental reading, etc. We will also use Canvas, mostly for turning things in.

Slides

- I don't always use slides, but when I do ...
- My practice is to read every word on every slide.
- And I will post all slides with text content to the class website after the class in which they are used.
- Therefore, I <u>strongly urge</u> you not to try to read the slides in class. Just listen. Then, look at the slides later to review things.

Syllabus

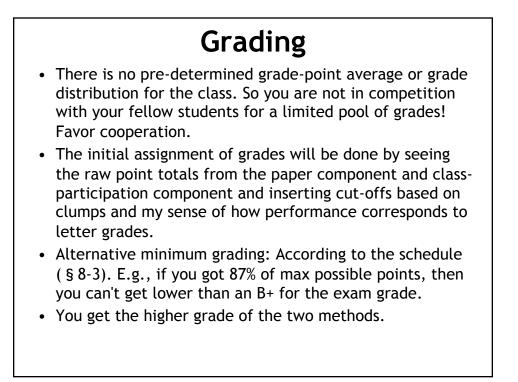
- Read the syllabus!
- You are assumed to be on notice for everything in it.
- It is long, but reading it is worth it.
- It is your guide to how to do well in class.
- It is my guide to what I've committed to, how I grade, and how I handle any problems.
- It is posted on the class website.

Some key classroom rules

- No eating.
- No audio or video recording.
- No electronic communications with others in class.
- No distracting content on screens (incl. video and animated gifs).
- Read the syllabus for all classroom rules.

Grading Read the syllabus, it talks about grading in detail! What follows are highlights. Regular letter grades will be given for this course (A+, A, A-, B+, etc.). Generally done as follows 3/4 paper component including final paper and intermediate deliverables 1/4 class participation Note that your course grade may be affected by things set out in the syllabus, including: attendance

- academic misconduct
- lateness in turning things in



Grading Your initial assignment of grade may be adjusted up or down. Discretionary adjustments: Can go one step up (e.g., B+ to A-) for class participation. In unusual situations, two steps up. Deficient attendance and academic misconduct can lower the course grade (or lead to administrative withdrawal or an F).

Attendance Policy

- It's § 11 in the syllabus. Read it! You're responsible for knowing all of it.
- These are only highlights.
- Attendance log-fill this out <u>only</u> for yourself.
- Self-report early departures.
- Late slips—you must fill one out before taking seat.
- Arriving late is half an absence.

Attendance Policy: automatic step-downs

- Three absences is a step-down in grade.
- Four absences is another step-down.
- Five absences is an F for the course or administrative withdrawal.
- If you hit five absences, you must immediately give me written notice according to § 11-5.

Special Extenuating Circumstances

- If you claim special extenuating circumstances and/or excuse for religious observance, you must file an End-of-Semester Mitigation Statement according to § 11-6.
- It must be filed not earlier than the last day of class, nor later than the day after the last scheduled day of final exams for OU Law.
- Take a moment now to calendar this.