
Understand the History Department's requirement that all history courses have a minimum of 25% of the course grade (the final letter grade) based on writing means you **must** do at least some of the writing assignments.

This example is from last term's on-campus class, but its basic math reveals why you must do some writing. (FYI to Distance Learning students: Focused participation in an on-campus class is equivalent to Distance Learning class's Students Helping Students with History forum.)

This example from a 1000-point course (695 points for objective work + 90 for self-management and participation and 240 points for specific writing assignments) may help:

If you did this:

- **No** writing assignments
- Did not do focused participation but you did self-management only enough to earn the minimum of 71.7 (23.9 for each unit)
- And you **only** attempted objective work (695 possible points)

Then the math would show:

- C work (70%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 70% of 690 points = 483 + the 71.7 for self-management = 554.7 out of the 1000 – an F
- B work (80%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 80% of 690 points = 552 + the 71.7 for self-management = 623.7 out of the 1000 – a D
- A work (90%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 90% of 690 points = 621 + 71.7 = 692.7 out of the 1000 – a high D but not enough for a
- Perfect work (100%) on the objective assignments, then you'd have 100% of 690 points + 71.7 = 761.7 out of the 1000 – a C

You must try to write useful, factual information.
