

GRADING SYSTEM FOR PAPERS

Each paper will be worth 34 points. The grades from the three papers will be tallied at the end of the semester as one grade to be averaged with the test grades and class participation. [If one received a perfect score on each paper s/he would receive 102 points for the paper grade.]

One letter grade may be deducted for each late day **IF the paper is accepted at all.**

If **both** a rough draft **and** a final draft are not completed and properly submitted the final grade for that paper assignment may no higher than 16. **The rough draft must be re-submitted with the final draft.**

Grades will be determined using the following factors:

1. **Responsiveness**

Student must identify the relevant facts of the case and the relevant law (or case law) to be applied. Student must present the strongest argument for each side of the case. Then s/he must clearly state the court's findings and decision.

2. **Correct usage of legal terms and concepts.**

Use terms properly. Provide evidence of one's grasp of the concepts at hand. Misuse of legal terms shows sloppiness or laziness on the student's behalf.

3. **Sentence structure, grammar, and spelling**

Write in full sentences with subjects (nouns) and predicates (verbs). Shorter sentences are "safer" than longer, convoluted ones. There is **NO** excuse for misspelled words. Use **NO** contractions.

Responsiveness	12
Definition and usage	11
Grammar	11
Total	34