

What do I need to get on the final exam to get a certain grade in the course?

According to the syllabus:

Final letter grades will be determined using the following grading scale. This grading scale has already incorporated a curve in it. There will not be any other curves. To ensure the fairness to all students, we will **STRICTLY** follow the grading table below. No bump-ups will be given.

total points > 615: A+
563 < total points ≤ 615: A
545 < total points ≤ 563: A-
527 < total points ≤ 545: B+
480 < total points ≤ 527: B
462 < total points ≤ 480: B-
444 < total points ≤ 462: C+
389 < total points ≤ 444: C
371 < total points ≤ 389: C-
353 < total points ≤ 371: D+
306 < total points ≤ 353: D
288 < total points ≤ 306: D-
total points ≤ 288: F

As of 10 pm on Friday, December 7, the only things missing from your Total Points column on Blackboard are the points from the final exam (max 200 points) and 2 extra credit points if you participated in the Post-CCI in class last Friday. Your excused quiz grades have already been replaced by your average, and your lowest quiz score and lowest homework score have been dropped as well.

To determine how many points you need to earn on the final, find the row for the letter grade you want in the table above and look at the number on the left (the lower bound for the grade range). If you want an A+, look at 615; for an A, look at 563; for an A-, look at 545; for a B+, look at 527; and so on.

Now, subtract your current Total Points from that lower bound.

That's how many points you need on the final.

For example, if you currently have 358.5 points on Blackboard and you want to get a B in the course, you need *at least* $480 - 358.5 = 121.5$ points on the final.