THST 695-065

SANCTUARY DOCTRINE

February 25 – March 1, 2018

Richard M. Davidson, Ph.D.
COURSE ACRONYM & NUMBER

COURSE TITLE

FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 1, 2018
Spring Semester, 2018
MA in Pastoral Ministry

GENERAL CLASS INFORMATION

Class acronym: THST 695-065
Class name: Sanctuary Doctrine
Year & Semester: Spring 2018
Class location: Forest Lake SDA Church, Apopka, FL
Class time/day: Sunday, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Mon. – Thurs. 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Credits offered: 3

INSTRUCTOR CONTACT

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BULLETIN COURSE DESCRIPTION

A study of the earthly and heavenly sanctuaries with special emphasis on the books of Leviticus, Daniel, Hebrews, and Revelation.

MAPM PROGRAM OUTCOMES

MA in Pastoral Ministry (MAPM) English & Spanish Program Outcomes (Updated)

1. Delivers effective biblically based sermons.
2. Demonstrates proper biblical interpretation skills.
3. Understands the historical–theological development of the Adventist Church.
4. Capable of training church members for evangelism.
5. Demonstrates an understanding of how to empower church members for leadership.
6. Capable of reaching specific social groups.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES (SLO)

As a result of diligent participation in this course, the student will:

1. Value, understand and trace the pervasive treatment of the sanctuary throughout Scripture.
2. Set forth the basic Seventh-day Adventist understanding of the Sanctuary from Scripture, including its pre-Fall function in heaven and in Eden, its Gospel-centered focus after the Fall, and the return to its original function in the New Earth.
3. Present a biblically-based, well-organized, Christ (gospel)-centered response to those who have challenged the sanctuary doctrine.
4. Demonstrate that the sanctuary is the key to the whole system of biblical reality (truth, beauty, and goodness) as it is centered in Jesus.
5. Integrate the study of the sanctuary with personal experience.
6. Make practical application of the sanctuary doctrine to pastoral ministry.
7. Develop the preaching values of the sanctuary doctrine.
TEXTBOOKS, RECOMMENDED READINGS AND CLASS BIBLIOGRAPHY

Required:

Davidson, Richard M. A Song for the Sanctuary (draft of the forthcoming graduate textbook on the Doctrine of the Sanctuary, commissioned by the General Conference Biblical Research Institute, to be published by Andrews University Press). Available in electronic format on Learning Hub/Moodle. This unpublished manuscript is not to be duplicated or disseminated without the author’s permission. Number of pages to be read: at least 750.

Recommended/Optional: (items marked with an asterisk * are highly recommended)


. *The Magnificent Disappointment*. 


PRE-INTENSIVE REQUIREMENTS

Read chapters 1-8, 18-19, and 29, 30, and 32 of Richard M. Davidson, *A Song for the Sanctuary* (available on Learning Hub). This is approximately 375 pages. A written statement that this reading has been completed is due the first evening of the intensive, **February 25, 2018.**

REQUIREMENTS DURING COURSE INTENSIVE

1. Attend all lectures and participate in class discussions.

2. Decide what kind of creative/practical sanctuary project will be undertaken in the latter part of the semester. **Decision due by the last period of the intensive, March 1, 2018.**

3. Take notes from class lectures and discussions with a view toward answering the final take-home synthesis-reflection paper.

POST-INTENSIVE COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Read another 375 pages from the textbook *A Song for the Sanctuary*, in addition to the 375 pages assigned pre-intensive reading. Keep track of which pages/chapters have been read, and approximate time spent reading.

2. **A cumulative reading report,** declaring the total number of pages read, what percentage of the total required reading for the course (750 pages) has been completed, which pages/chapters have been read, and the approximate number of hours spent in reading. **The report is due May 1, 2018.**

3. **Project:** The sanctuary project may consist of one of the following: (1) a series of no less than two Bible studies for non-SDA’s; (2) one major sermon, for SDA or non-SDA; (3) a 6–10 page research paper or essay on a selected topic approved by the instructor, or (4) another original sanctuary-related project (play, radio script, sanctuary model, musical composition, etc.) approved by the instructor. Assignment (1) or (2) must be fully written out, revealing clarity of presentation, containing solid support from Scripture (including **recent** research as dealt with in class lectures or readings), and designed to enhance the appreciation of the sanctuary message. Plan to spend about 20 hours on this project. **Due May 1, 2018.**

4. **Final take-home Synthesis/Reflection paper.** The final take-home Synthesis/Reflection paper will answer ONE of the following questions:

   (a) “Is the unique SDA understanding of the Sanctuary Doctrine **true** (solidly based in **Scripture**), in light of major objections raised to the doctrine?” (See the 10 major issues summarized at the end of chap. 4 in *A Song for the Sanctuary.*) OR
(b) “So What? How is the Sanctuary Doctrine as taught by SDA’s relevant to your own life and the life of the church, and to the secular person? What difference does it make that we believe the sanctuary doctrine?”

The synthesis/reflection paper may be done in outline form, and not full sentences, but the flow of argument and main ideas should be evident to the reader. Give exact biblical references for major points made. Also give reference to sources cited (chapter no. and page of textbook) for further (later) development of the points you are making. Be sure to give your own personal response to the basic question! You are encouraged to present material in a creative way. Students should allow approximately 20 hours (and write on average 10-15 double-spaced pages) for this Synthesis/Reflection. Due May 1, 2018.

Intensive Class Schedule

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<th>Schedule for class meetings: February 25 – March 1, 2018</th>
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<td>Sunday (6-8 p.m.)</td>
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<td>Tuesday (8:00-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-6:00 p.m.)</td>
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<td>Wednesday (8:00-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-6:00 p.m.)</td>
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<td>Thursday (8:00-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-6:00 p.m.)</td>
<td>38 hours</td>
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<td>Pre/Post-session (Guest lectures to be viewed on-line)</td>
<td>45 hours</td>
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Credit-Hour Definitions

A professional 3-credit course taken at the SDA Theological Seminary requires a total of 135 hours for course lectures, reading requirements and written assignments.

Estimated Time for this Class:

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<td>Post-Intensive Assignment: Project</td>
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<td>Final Synthesis-reflection paper</td>
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<td>Total Hours</td>
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GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENTS:

| Average reading speed: | 15-20 pages/hour for light reading not to be tested on
| 10-15 pages/hour for heavy reading for exams or Bible Commentaries |
| Writing time: | 2.5 – 3 hours/double spaced page, from start to finished product |
| Reflective Writing Assignment: | 0.5 hour per page |

TOPICS TO BE COVERED DURING THE INTENSIVE

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<th>Day</th>
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<th>Lecture Topics</th>
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<td>Sunday</td>
<td>6-8 PM</td>
<td>Introduction to the Sanctuary Doctrine: Its Centrality and Significance</td>
<td>Preface, 1, 2</td>
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<td>The Heavenly Sanctuary: The Bigger Picture</td>
<td>(SLO 1)</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>8-10 AM</td>
<td>Historical Development of the Sanctuary Doctrine</td>
<td>3, 4, 5</td>
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<td>Challengers and Defenders: Basic Issues in the Recent Debate</td>
<td>(SLO 2, 3)</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>10 AM -</td>
<td>Earth’s First Sanctuaries</td>
<td>6, 7</td>
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<td>12:30 PM</td>
<td>Aesthetics of the Sanctuary</td>
<td>(SLO 1, 4)</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>1:30-3 PM</td>
<td>Sanctuary Typology: Biblical Foundations</td>
<td>8, 9</td>
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<td>Typology of the Sanctuary Precincts</td>
<td>(SLO 2, 3)</td>
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<td>Monday</td>
<td>3 – 6 PM</td>
<td>Typology of the Sacrifices and Priesthood</td>
<td>10, 11</td>
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<td>Typology of the Special Sanctuary Services</td>
<td>(SLO 2, 3, 5)</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>8-10 AM</td>
<td>Typology of the Daily Sanctuary Services</td>
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<td>Typology of the Yearly Services of Yom Kippur</td>
<td>(SLO 2, 3)</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>10 AM -</td>
<td>Typology of the Annual Hebrew Festivals</td>
<td>14, 29</td>
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<td>12:30 PM</td>
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<td>(SLO 5, 6, 7)</td>
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<td>Sanctuary Typology in the Book of Hebrews</td>
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<td>Tuesday</td>
<td>3 – 6 PM</td>
<td>Great Controversy Setting of the Sanctuary</td>
<td>16, 17</td>
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<td>Investigative Judgment: God’s Regular Procedure Throughout Scripture</td>
<td>(SLO 1, 2, 3)</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>8-10 AM</td>
<td>Theology of Judgment in 7 Cross-Centered Phases (Moskala)</td>
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<td>(SLO 3, 5)</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>10 AM -</td>
<td>Basic Principles for Interpreting Apocalyptic Prophecy</td>
<td>20-21</td>
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<td>12:30 PM</td>
<td>The Sanctuary in Daniel 7: The Pre-Advent Investigative Judgment</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>1:30 – 6</td>
<td>The Sanctuary in Daniel 8: Antitypical Day of Atonement</td>
<td>22-24</td>
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<td>PM</td>
<td>The Sanctuary in Daniel 9: Christ our Sacrifice</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
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<td>The Sanctuary in the Book of Revelation: Literary Structure</td>
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<td>The Sanctuary in the Book of Revelation: Typology and Prophecy</td>
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Thursday 10 AM - 12:30 PM | The Sanctuary as the Key to the Biblical System of Truth (Peckham) | 27 (SLO 4)
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Thursday 1:30- 3:30 PM | Jesus is Our Mediator The Good News of Yom Kippur: Assurance in the Judgment | 28-29 (SLO 5, 6, 7)
Thursday 3:30-5 PM | The “So What” of the Sanctuary Message Cathedral of Communion | 30, 32 (SLO 5, 6, 7)
Thursday 5-6 PM | **FINAL SYNTHESIS-REFLECTION** | ---
Post-session | At student’s discretion | View 7 hours of lectures by the course instructor or another guest lecturer on the sanctuary. See, e.g. [http://www.maritimesda.ca/media/campmeeting-2014/](http://www.maritimesda.ca/media/campmeeting-2014/).

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**GRADING AND ASSESSMENT**

**Grading System**

*Basis for grading:*

1. Reading (and report) 20%
2. Final Synthesis/Reflection 40%
3. Creative Project (Sermon, Bible Studies, or other) 40%

**Total** 100%

**Grading Scale:**

- **A** = 94% +
  - **B** = 83–86%
  - **C** = 65–74%
- **A-** = 90–93%
  - **B-** = 80–82%
  - **C-** = 60–64%
- **B+** = 87–89%
  - **C+** = 75–79%
  - **D** = 50–59%

**Assessment Submission**

Electronic Copies to davidson@andrews.edu.
Rubric for Synthesis/Reflection Paper

The following rubric shows the grading criteria and weighting for the synthesis/reflection paper:

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<th>Grading Criteria</th>
<th>Exceptional</th>
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<td>1. Flow of argument and coverage of main issues</td>
<td>Outstanding on all levels</td>
<td>Meets basic standards</td>
<td>Lacking in some areas</td>
<td>Lacking in many areas</td>
<td>Does not meet minimum standards for a graduate paper</td>
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<td>2. Biblical evidence for major points</td>
<td>Outstanding on all levels</td>
<td>Meets basic standards</td>
<td>Lacking in some areas</td>
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<td>Does not meet minimum standards for a graduate paper</td>
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<td>3. Sources cited in textbook (chapter and page) for further study</td>
<td>Outstanding on all levels</td>
<td>Meets basic standards</td>
<td>Lacking in some areas</td>
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<td>4. Personal response to the basic question</td>
<td>Outstanding on all levels</td>
<td>Meets basic standards</td>
<td>Lacking in some areas</td>
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<td>5. Writing Style, creativity, and grammar</td>
<td>Outstanding on all levels</td>
<td>Meets basic standards</td>
<td>Lacking in some areas</td>
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<td>Does not meet minimum standards for a graduate paper</td>
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100% Total
**CLASS POLICIES**

**Classroom Seating**
Please select a permanent seat in the classroom, starting on Monday morning of the intensive.

**Disability Accommodations**
If you qualify for accommodations under the American Disabilities Act, please see the instructor as soon as possible for referral and assistance in arranging such accommodations.

**Emergency Protocols**
Andrews University takes the safety of its students seriously. Signs identifying emergency protocol are posted throughout the buildings. Instructors will provide guidance and direction to students in the classroom in the event of an emergency affecting that specific location. It is important that you follow these instructions and stay with your instructor during any evacuation or sheltering emergency.

**Academic Integrity**
“In harmony with the mission statement, Andrews University expects that students will demonstrate the ability to think clearly for themselves and exhibit personal and moral integrity in every sphere of life. Thus, students are expected to display honesty in all academic matters.

Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) the following acts: falsifying official documents; plagiarizing, which includes copying others’ published work, and/or failing to give credit properly to other authors and creators; misusing copyrighted material and/or violating licensing agreements (actions that may result in legal action in addition to disciplinary action taken by the University); using media from any source or medium, including the Internet (e.g., print, visual images, music) with the intent to mislead, deceive or defraud; presenting another’s work as one’s own (e.g. placement exams, homework, assignments); using material during a quiz or examination other than those specifically allowed by the teacher or program; stealing, accepting, or studying from stolen quizzes or examination materials; copying from another student during a regular or take-home test or quiz; assisting another in acts of academic dishonesty (e.g., falsifying attendance records, providing unauthorized course materials).

Andrews University takes seriously all acts of academic dishonesty. Such acts as described above are subject to incremental discipline for multiple offenses and severe penalties for some offenses. These acts are tracked in the office of the Provost. Repeated and/or flagrant offenses will be referred to the Committee for Academic Integrity for recommendations on further penalties. Consequences may include denial of admission, revocation of admission, warning from a teacher with or without formal documentation, warning from a chair or academic dean with formal documentation, receipt of a reduced or failing grade with or without notation of the reason on the transcript, suspension or dismissal from the course, suspension or dismissal from the program, expulsion from the university, or degree cancellation. Disciplinary action may be retroactive if academic dishonesty becomes apparent after the student leaves the course, program or university.

Departments or faculty members may publish additional, perhaps more stringent, penalties for academic dishonesty in specific programs or courses.” *(Current AU Bulletin.)*

**Class Attendance**
“Regular attendance at all classes, laboratories and other academic appointments is required for each student. Faculty members are expected to keep regular attendance records. Whenever the number of
absences exceeds 10% of the total course appointments, the teacher may give a failing grade. Merely being absent from campus does not exempt the student from this policy. Absences recorded because of late registration, suspension, and early/late vacation leaves are not excused. The class work missed may be made up only if the teacher allows. Three tardies are equal to one absence.” (*Current AU Bulletin.*)

**Excused Absence**

“Excuses for absences due to illness are granted by the teacher. Proof of illness is required. . . . Excused absences do not remove the student’s responsibility to complete all requirements of a course. Class work is made up by permission of the teacher.” (*Current AU Bulletin.*)

**Language and Grammar**

There is an expectation that a student enrolled in a graduate program possesses advanced written language skills, particularly in the language in which the degree is acquired. Thus, no special consideration will be given to English as a second language learners or native-English speakers who have yet to obtain mastery in written English. Such students are advised to seek the assistance of the campus writing lab or procure the services of an editor prior to the submission of their assignments. *Tips for success* include reading your assignments aloud and having someone else do likewise prior to submission. This practice will provide you with immediate feedback on your written assignments.

**Late Submission of Assessment**

The following penalties will be applied for late submission of assessment items:

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<td>up to 60 days</td>
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<td>up to 90 days</td>
<td>no better than a B+ grade</td>
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<td>up to 120 days</td>
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<td>up to 150 days</td>
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**Teacher Tardiness**

“Teachers have the responsibility of getting to class on time. If a teacher is detained and will be late, the teacher must send a message to the class with directions. If after 10 minutes no message has been received, students may leave without penalty. If teacher tardiness persists, students have the right to notify the department chair, or if the teacher is the department chair, to notify the dean.” (*Current AU Bulletin.*)
Richard M. Davidson is J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan. He has been with the Andrews faculty since 1979.

Born in California, Davidson attended Loma Linda University, Riverside, California, graduating in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in theology. Two years later he earned his Master of Divinity degree summa cum laude from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University. He also received his doctorate in Biblical Studies at Andrews in 1981. His doctoral dissertation was titled "Typological Structures in the Old and New Testaments." It is now published under the title Typology in Scripture.

Before coming to Andrews Davidson served as an associate pastor of a Seventh-day Adventist church in Phoenix, Arizona, and as pastor of the Flagstaff Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than five years. He was ordained as a minister in Prescott, Arizona, in 1974.

Davidson is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Evangelical Theological Society, and the Adventist Theological Society. He has presented over seventy scholarly papers at professional meetings of these societies and other venues.

Davidson has written numerous articles for refereed journals and Adventist denominational papers, as well as various chapters in scholarly books. These may be viewed at and/or downloaded from his website: www.andrews.academia.edu/RichardDavidson. Additional publications include the following books: A Love Song for the Sabbath (Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1988), In the Footsteps of Joshua (Review and Herald Publishing Association, 1995), Biblical Hermeneutics (in Romanian; Editura CARD, 2003), Flame of Yahweh: Sexuality in the Old Testament (Hendrickson Publishers, 2007), and (co-authored with Leonard Brand) Choose You This Day: Why It Matters What You Believe about Creation (Nampa, Idaho: Pacific Press, 2013).

He is married to Jo Ann Mazat Davidson who also teaches at the Theological Seminary. They have a daughter, Rahel, and a son, Jonathan. In addition to sharing the Word and making it come alive, Davidson enjoys outdoor activities such as backpacking, mountaineering, cross-country skiing, and tennis.

Bibliography: Sources are listed in “Recommended Reading” above and throughout the required textbook, Song for the Sanctuary.
APPENDIX 1

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

THE B GRADE

We start with the B grade for a very specific reason. It is because a B grade is a sign that you have competently fulfilled all of the requirements stipulated for an assessment or competency evaluation. It is an excellent grade and demonstrates a high level of knowledge, insight, critique competence and professional written presentation standards essential for an individual wishing to pursue a career as a professional pastor.

THE A GRADE

An A grade is only given when a student not only fulfils the criteria stipulated above for a B grade, but in doing so demonstrates an advanced academic aptitude for content knowledge, critique, synthesis and independent insight, while exhibiting highly developed communication skills and professional publication standards that would allow them to pursue a highly competitive academic career.

THE C GRADE

The C grade differs only from a B grade in that the traits outlined in the B grade above are not consistently applied. However, with diligence and applying feedback from your lecturer, the academic process can provide a perfect opportunity for a student to improve their consistency, and hence, their grade.

THE D GRADE

The D grade exhibits a limited level of knowledge, insight and critique and poor written presentation standards. This may be because of a lack of time management on the part of the student, they may have difficulty grasping the concepts being taught, English may be their second language, or they may be experiencing a personal issue that is affecting their concentration and motivation levels. Again, with diligence, applying feedback from your lecturer, and seeking services offered by the University like the writing lab or the counseling centre, the academic process can provide an opportunity for a student to significantly improve their performance.

FAIL

The Fail grade is given when very limited or no demonstratable competency has been observed.
EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- You cannot be graded on the type of paper you could have turned in if you had had more time.
- You cannot be graded or given credit in this class on extra-curricular activities you may be involved in.
- It is unreasonable to expect a better grade because you are a nice person or are friends with the lecturer.
- It is unreasonable to demand a good grade because you believe you have been called by God, and thus, should automatically be given good grades despite poor performance.

Your assessments have been specifically designed to measure and provide evidence of your competency with relation to the subject matter. This is to meet University accreditation standards. Thus, you will only be graded on the content of the assessments you submit. If it is not in your assessments, your lecturer will not have adequate evidence of your competency and will have to grade you accordingly.

PLAGIARISM

Replicating writing, cutting and pasting or moderately paraphrasing text from publications, internet sources, books, friends papers or publications, family members papers or publications, ghost writers papers or publications with the intent of passing it off as your own work, is strictly prohibited and unacceptable. Students found to be plagiarising the work of others will receive an immediate Failing grade. Your actions will be reported to the University and your sponsor (if sponsored). You may even face expulsion from the University. Your lecturer will randomly sample sentences, phrases and paragraphs from your paper and compare them with papers from past students and with content on the internet. Your lecturer is also familiar with a lot of the publications and sources you will be using for your assessment and will also be able to identify any potential plagiarism.

LANGUAGE AND GRAMMAR

There is an expectation that a person who holds a Master’s qualification will have advanced written language skills, particularly in the language in which their Masters was taught. Thus, no special consideration will be given to students who speak English as a second language or native-English speakers who struggle with written English. Such students are advised to seek the assistance of the campus writing lab or seek the services of a professional academic editor prior to the submission of their assessment.

Students are encouraged to have someone else read their assessments aloud to them prior to submission. This practice will provide you with immediate feedback as to how your written assessments sounds/reads to another person. You may even want to have a friend or a professional academic editor look over your assessments to identify any typing, spelling or punctuation errors too.