

The University of the Republic

Grading Focus

The paper will be critiqued according to the following guidelines:

- 30% Specific to assignment – the content and length must be consistent with the assignment.
- 30% Readability – the content of the research paper should flow. The sentence and paragraph structure should be related and connected. What is stated should be to the point and be grammatically correct.
- 30% Researched and referenced – the papers submitted are based on existing material. If material is used to establish points in the paper then they must be referenced. While the student’s opinion is valued, providing supporting material that is consistent with personal opinion is strongly encouraged.
- 5% Formatted – the paper must adhere to the established MLA format and possess a cover page.
- 5% Timeliness of submission – the courses are arranged in a manner in which the assignments are spread out within a defined term. The paper(s) will be expected within this time frame unless the student makes previous arrangements with the instructor. Each course will establish the expected submission dates for assignments.

In the event a research paper deserves a substandard grade, the student will be offered the opportunity to address the deficiencies of the paper in an attempt to improve the grade. In this event, the student is encouraged to work closely with the instructor in regards to the identified deficiencies and timelines for resubmission.



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It is the goal of the University of the Republic to develop community based partnerships with focused area expertise in all five discipline areas. These experts will serve as the submission contact person and the primary instructor for any particular course.

When all expectations of a particular course have been met, the University of the Republic personnel will issue a grade for the course based on the average of the three assignment grades received in the course.

Any concerns in regards to grades will be initially addressed with the immediate Instructor of the course. If the concern persists, then the student is encouraged to utilize the contacts as stated in the course syllabus. If the issue is not resolved, then alternate resources will be provided by the University of the Republic personnel to address the concerns of the student. If the issue is not resolved at that point an independent party will be sought in a final attempt to resolve the matter. The University of the Republic maintains as its mission to provide everyone a quality education, and expects high standards of its students and personnel. The University of the Republic does not anticipate any issues in regards to meeting these goals. The University of the Republic reserves the right to issue a pass or no pass grade for any course offered, and in particular, as a way to resolve grading issues.

In regards to successfully completing Program Assignments, the University of the Republic personnel maintains the objective to make each student successful at the highest level possible. Therefore, the University of the Republic promises to work with the student to assist them in achieving their grade goals by means of providing insight, direction and instructions. Ultimately, the assignments have to meet the assignment grading standards, as stated above, and ultimately, it will be the responsibility of the student to achieve this goal.

