

Top 10 Ways to Do Well in This Class:

1. **Never miss a deadline.** Even if your computer explodes the night before, salvage what you can and show me on the due date what you have. Late projects never get more than a C.
2. **Respect!** Don't have conversations or work on your own project during your classmates' presentations and critiques. Do give classmates your honest feedback during their critiques. Don't surf the internet, email, make a phone call, leave early, or come late to class. Do pay attention during demonstrations so I don't have to excessively repeat myself later during work in class time.
3. **Be an attendance geek.** Don't have more than 3 absences and try to not to miss any classes. Your overall grade and participation grade goes down when you have lots of unexcused absences.
4. **Make time for your work.** This is not an "Easy A" class. If this is your first time taking an art/communication/technology course, please note that though it's often fun subject matter, it's also serious business and often requires work outside of class. Also, since you'll be often working in groups, you'll need to pull your weight.
5. **Communicate.** If you are having a problem, say so. If you have a question, ask it.
6. **Take the initiative.** If you haven't been getting the grades you'd like to get, try harder on future projects and assignments. Submit early so you can get feedback to improve your grade. I will also always consider requests for extra credit assignments (but *not* at the last minute before grades are due).
7. **Be smart.** Try to incorporate your interests into your projects. Respect the craft of doing things in a professional way.
8. **Read the articles and resources that I share for each project.** Really. Don't just smile and nod when we talk about readings. Contribute to the conversation.
9. **Bring in examples of Good and Bad Video/ Design/ Websites, etc.** We'd all love to look at it and discuss why it's good or bad.
10. **Attitude.** Be curious. Experiment. Accept that some days are just bad technology days and try again later. Learn to accept constructive criticism. YOU are not being critiqued, just your work. Sometimes it takes others to point out things that are right under our noses.