Grading – Is There a Better Way?

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Session Goals

• Describe the basics of specifications grading
• Write specifications for an assignment
• Draft a plan for using specifications grading in your course
What is your biggest concern related to grading?

Please answer in the chat.
What is specs grading?
Example: Communication

For a grade of “C”

• 4 essays
• 5 discussion forums
• 6 quizzes at 70% or above
• 2 review comments on peer presentations

Example: Communication

For a grade of “A”

- 5 essays
- 6 discussion forums
- 6 quizzes at 80% or above
- Presentation & 3 comments on peer presentations

Example: Engineering

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<th>To earn this grade:</th>
<th>Accomplish the following:</th>
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<td>A</td>
<td>Earn “Pass” scores on all 9 core quizzes and 6 additional quizzes.</td>
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<td>B</td>
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<td>C</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Earn “Pass” scores on any 7 core quizzes.</td>
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Benefits
Challenges
Writing assignment specs

Collaborative document: https://go.iu.edu/441p
Implementing specs grading

Get a copy of the worksheet in Google Docs: https://go.iu.edu/42TM
View the worksheet: https://go.iu.edu/42TK
Example

Completed worksheet: https://go.iu.edu/441q
References and resources:
https://go.iu.edu/42SS

Worksheet: https://go.iu.edu/42TK

Example completed worksheet:
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