

**Your Name:**

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**About the Contract:** You will decide your grade in this course based on how much work you are able or willing to complete. The process we will use is called contract grading, which emphasizes process and learning over earning grades. In contract grading, students create a contract that spells out in advance the requirements for their grade and penalties for not fulfilling the terms of their contract.

The advantage of contract grading is that you, the student, decide how much work you wish to do this semester. If you complete your work on time and to a “satisfactory” level, you will receive the grade for which you contracted. This means planning ahead, thinking about all of your obligations and responsibilities this semester, and determining what grade you want or need in this course.

Rather than instructor-selected grades on each assignment, you will receive peer and instructor process feedback. No individual grades for assignments will be issued. Projects and exercises will be assessed as “satisfactory” or “unsatisfactory” through group peer review (or “incomplete” if no assignment is turned in). If your work is assessed as “unsatisfactory” you may revise and resubmit it until it meets the standards of “satisfactory.”

Your contract will include a combination of required all-class exercises and self evaluations that everyone will complete and basic versions of every project. You will choose how many exercises and project deliverables you wish to complete based on the formulas below. The “A” contract is the standard amount of work that has previously been assigned in this course.

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**Progress Survey and Self-Evaluations:** You will complete a progress survey at midterm to determine if you are on track for your contracted grade. You will be asked to consult your contract, review your assignments and due dates, and then outline where you have and have not met the requirements of your contract. If you’ve missed a due date in the midterm assessment you may outline a plan to get back on track or request a contract adjustment. Contract adjustments can go up (more work) or down (less work, with a C minimum). Self-evaluations will be completed for every assignment.

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**Midterm and Final Grades:** Your midterm grade will be self-assigned based on the assessment of your work at that point in the semester and the progress survey. Your final course grade will be based on meeting the terms of your contract and the attendance requirements for the course.

If at the end of the semester you have not turned in the work for which you have contracted you may choose to cancel that assignment (or assignments) and accept a lower grade. Keep in mind that you must earn a C in major/minor courses to receive credit.

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**Assignments: Everyone will complete:**  
Self-evaluations for every assignment + 2 progress surveys  
LinkedIn Learning assignments  
Exercise 1 + Project 1

**In addition to these items, you will choose one of the following contract paths:**

Above items + Project 2 (toy only) + Project 3 (2 deliverables) = C (76%)

Above items + Project 2 + Project 3 (3 deliverables) = B (86%)

Above items + Project 2 + Project 3 (4 deliverables) + Ex 2 = A (96%)

**Contract Signature:** By signing this contract for an A, B, or C in this class, I agree to all of the terms above.

Your contract grade \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Co-signed by instructor \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**A Note on D and F Grades:** The instructor reserves the right to award a grade of D or F to anyone who fails to meet a contractual obligation in a systemic way. A D grade denotes some minimal fulfilling of the contract. An F is absence of enough satisfactory work, as contracted, to warrant passing of the course. Both a D and F demote a breakdown of the contractual relationship implied by signing any of the contracts above.