Grading Scale for Chem 111A
My Expectations

Jan Chadwick, Ph.D.

Based on material from The Center For Critical Thinking
What do grades mean?

Pick one below and then read on and check to see if you agree with the following definitions or grades

- Do you think you are an A student?
- Do you think you are an B student?
- Do you think you are an C student?
- Do you think you are an D student?
- Do you think you are an F student?
What do grades mean?

- The grade of A implies excellence in thinking skills and performance.
- The work is not only clear and precise, but demonstrates the student's insight as well.
- The work demonstrates the student's desire to go above and beyond what is required.
- The student consistently raises important questions, recognizes key assumptions, and uses language in keeping with educated usage.
- The work displays excellent reasoning and problem-solving skills consistent with a high level of intellectual excellence.
- The student demonstrates insight into self-evaluation.
What do grades mean?

- The grade of B implies **sound** thinking skills and performance.
- The work is clear and precise, but does not demonstrate depth of insight.
- The work demonstrates the student's desire to do what is required to the best of their ability.
- The student shows some weakness in recognizing important questions, key assumptions, and using language in keeping with educated usage.
- The work displays sound reasoning and problem-solving skills consistent with a competent level of intellectual performance.
- The student shows competence in self-evaluation.
What do grades mean?

- The grade of C implies **limited success** in thinking skills and performance.
- The work is inconsistently clear, does not display depth of insight or even consistent competence.
- The work shows that the student is satisfied with meeting the minimum requirements.
- The student consistently misses important questions, key assumptions, and uses language that is not in keeping with educated usage.
- The work displays inconsistent reasoning and problem-solving skills.
- The student is inconsistent in self-evaluation.
What do grades mean?

- The grade of D implies poor thinking skills and performance.
- The work indicates that the student tries to get through the course by means of rote recall, attempting to acquire knowledge by memorization rather than through comprehension and understanding.
- The work shows that the student is not concerned with meeting the minimum requirements.
- The student shows lack of interest in important questions, key assumptions, and in using language that is in keeping with educated usage.
- The work displays lack of critical thinking skills and shows thinking that is typically unclear and poorly reasoned.
- The student has problems with self-evaluation.
What do grades mean?

- The grade of F implies **incompetent** thinking skills and performance.
- The work does not demonstrate understanding of even the basic terms.
- The student demonstrates no obvious effort to be successful with an assignment.
- The student is not honest in self-evaluation.

- from The Center For Critical Thinking