

Participation – 30% of course grade

This is a creative, discussion-based course and so critical thinking and participation is crucial for your success. Participation is divided into attendance and class participation, as well as various activities and projects assigned throughout the semester.

- Attendance – 100 points (calculated as a percentage of all class and field trip meetings)
- Active participation in class – 100 points (calculated as a percentage of all class and field trip meetings)
- Additional assignments set by instructor – 100 points

To earn **attendance points**, you need to be present in class and on field trips. You will earn credit for each class period or field trip you attend, calculated as a percentage of all class meetings. This requires not just being present but participating appropriately. See the syllabus for a discussion of appropriate behavior. If you arrive late or leave early, your points for the day may be adjusted accordingly. If you do not attend a field trip with the class, but make it up on your own, you will get attendance points, for that day, but not discussion points. **See syllabus for specific field trip attendance policies.**

To earn **active participation points**, you need to be involved in class discussions, activities, and all aspects of field trips. Points may be deducted for behavior such as arriving late, leaving early, texting, on your computer for activities that are not class related, sleeping, less than full field trip participation, etc. This is not a complete list and points may be deducted at the instructor's discretion. This is also calculated as a percentage of all class meetings.

For example (for both attendance and discussion):

- If we meet 20 times, 15 times in the classroom and 5 times for field trips...
 - If you miss one class meeting: $19/20 = 95\% = 95$ points
 - If you miss two class meetings: $18/20 = 90\% = 90$ points

NOTE: Everyone will get one freebie absence at the end of the semester, so if you wake up feeling sick one morning, keep your germs at home and use the time to heal!

Additional assignments will be set throughout the semester.

You will need to prove through participation that you are keeping up with reading assignments.

Some of our field trips and your service-learning activities have **projects** associated with them. Connect these experiences to course content to reflect your depth of research and your level of understanding.