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H22,

You were solid all the way through class in terms of your commitment. You had the highest point total in class. Your classmates gave you 17 collaboration points. You also had some of the best written work. I appreciate your attention to detail and your contributions to the discussion. You occasionally expressed uncertainty as if you were looking for hidden rules or expectations. I hope you didn't find any. I appreciated that you did not bowl the less-scientifically familiar students over because of your experience in other technical classes. Good luck with your other studies.

Course grade is A.

L18,

You were solid all the way through class in terms of your commitment. You had one point off the highest point total in class. Your classmates gave you a max of 20 collaboration points, suggesting that they valued the way you handled yourself in groupwork. I appreciate your curiosity and contributions to the discussion. Good luck with your other studies.

Course grade is A.

S21,

You were a rock throughout – quietly very competent. I could always count on you to help carry a discussion. Your work was thorough and complete. Writing was quite good. You had probably the strongest command of the scientific ideas from start to finish. Your peers gave you 19 collaboration points. Your presence certainly helped make the class successful for others. Good luck with your other studies.

Course grade is A.

R23,

I appreciate your sunny disposition and willingness to contribute to the conversations, even when the ideas got tougher. You weren't hesitant to express when you were confused, yet you weren't afraid of that. You persisted in working through things. That's a fabulous attitude to have. Your peers valued your contributions by giving you 20 collaboration points, the max. That plus bonus points from your poster pushed up your total points. It was a pleasure having you in class. Good luck with your other studies.

Course grade is A.

M27,

You were more of a listener and watcher, as far as I could tell. I think other people were louder or more quick to speak, meaning you couldn't get a word in. This is something you may have to address as you develop professionally – make sure your voice is heard. But you seemed to be engaged and supportive with the conversations and ideas, and certainly made positive contributions in your group. You were attentive and friendly, good qualities for any group member. Your peers gave you 12 collaboration points. Thanks for deciding to be part of the course. In the end, I was surprised at your point total, but you had a strong finish on the second exam and with your poster (bonus points).

I'm happy to say your course grade is A.

F35,

I appreciated your enthusiasm and contribution to discussions. You have a solid grasp of the ideas and did a strong job on your poster. Your peers also thought you were very valuable in groups as a partner – they gave you 20 collaboration points. You had a positive attitude throughout, and showed your curiosity and willingness to jump into discussions. Thanks for taking a chance on this class. All of this pushed your point score higher, so the outcome will be a happy one. Good luck in your future studies.

Your course grade is an A.

T19,

You were solid all the way through with your understanding, having nearly the highest combined scores for the tests. You were a consistent positive force in any group you were in. Your peers recognized this by giving you 20 collaboration points, the max. Your writing was good. All of this says “what’s not to love”. You’re definitely someone who is going to drive the agenda. Thanks for deciding to be part of this class. Good luck in your future studies.

Your course grade is an A

B26,

You were a consistent contributor to the intellectual effort in class. You helped move the discussion forward. You expressed curiosity, and acknowledged when things were unclear. Your peers awarded you 12 collaboration points for being a good group member. It was great to have you as part of the class. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A.

C37,

I appreciate your enthusiastic participation in class. You finished stronger than when you started and showed some good insights. Your poster in particular was a strong finish, along with your second exam. I think you have a stronger ability to grasp the ideas than I think you give yourself credit for. Your peers awarded you 10 collaboration points. Despite your concern about your grade, and my earlier concerns, based on the scale I’m using, it’s a happy result. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A.

N16,

Of anyone in class, I could count on you to anticipate the direction of the argument, to identify interesting connections, and to be ready and willing to say what you were thinking out loud. I saw you in a number of instances taking the intellectual lead in groups, driving the conversation (without being overwhelming to the others), and asking questions to spur thinking. I felt that many of the other students in class tended to be tentative or afraid to say the wrong thing. It's better to contribute something to the discussion to move it forward rather than to hold back. So, thanks for your participation in class. Your peers recognized this and gave you 20 collaboration points, the max. Your exams were good but not shining, but your poster was a strong finish. You were close enough in my scale to warrant a happy outcome. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A.

P14,

When you first signed up I was worried that you would bring too much knowledge and experience to the table and would overwhelm the non-science folks. I stopped worrying about that after a few days. You communicated your understanding in any group you worked with, but didn't bowl them over. So thanks for that. Your peers awarded you 20 collaboration points, the max. Your work was always pretty good, but I felt like you could express your understanding more deeply. Sometimes I was surprised that your answers weren't a bit stronger given your background. There are going to be instances in your field where you will have to elaborate more deeply and in nuanced ways in order to communicate, so "just the facts" may not be enough. Food for thought. It was a pleasure having you in class. You finished strong with your poster and caught some good attention. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A.

W12,

I appreciate your positive attitude and contributions in class. Your peers felt you were an excellent collaborator – they gave you 18 collaboration points. You were willing to express frustration and interest and surprise. That helped inject enthusiasm into the activities and kept them fresh. Your poster gave you a strong finish building on a good performance all over. Thanks for participating in class. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A minus.

Q25,

I appreciated your participation in class, particularly since you were in among a lot of experienced students. You held your own. I think you were stronger in participation and discussion than showed up in exam settings. Your peers felt you were a valued contributor: they gave you 20 collaboration points, the max. You were certainly willing to express your ideas, even when uncertain, which is important in learning science. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A minus.

K29,

You started kind of rough but finished strongly, which was nice to see. Your written assignments showed that you were getting a handle on the ideas. Your poster was a nice strong finish. I think you were a bit intimidated and tentative at first, but I saw you relax more as we got deeper into the semester. You showed an ability to handle the ideas in a coherent way, and your second exam was particularly a good acknowledgement of that. Your writing along the way was also good. Your peers gave you 9 collaboration points on top of that. What's not to love. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is A minus.

J31,

You had a pretty solid performance across the semester. Your exams were stronger, the occasional writing was weaker, your poster was fine. I had the feeling that you were holding back somewhat. You seemed quiet, and perhaps you were uncertain about your understanding. There were occasions when we were talking that you did offer insights, or ideas. Perhaps, being a science class, you were afraid of being wrong. I was trying to dissuade you from thinking science was all about rightness. You seemed to engage with your groups and help move the agenda along. Your peers awarded you 8 collaboration points, which suggests to me that you were letting other people drive the conversation in groups. Trust yourself more. Good luck in your future studies.

Your grade is an A minus.

G33,

You were a steady contributor throughout the semester. That showed up in exams, writing, poster and the like. Your peers thought you were a particularly valuable collaborator, giving you 20 collaboration points, the max. You are someone who likes the I's dotted and the T's crossed. I can understand how that sort of attention to detail is important in a medical setting. Patient don't like to hear their medical care professionals say "oops". But I know from being engaged with research (and life) that there will be times when the protocol doesn't fit the problem, and you won't have a certain path to follow. You have to be ready for that and to trust your professional knowledge and intuition. Good luck with your future studies and training.

Your course grade is A minus.

Z11,

You were a quiet person in class, and I think others in your groups tended to dominate the conversation. Nevertheless, you asked good questions, were attentive to the discussion, and were conscientious about following through. All good qualities. You showed a reasonable but not strong understanding of the ideas that seemed to get a bit stronger as the semester progressed. You are not so strong in writing about or presenting, and I think that's somewhat an issue of confidence and experience. You may have to force yourself to express yourself in writing and verbally in order to build up your skills along these lines. You were a valuable participant in class. Your peers awarded you 14 collaboration points. I wish you luck in the future studies and training.

Your course grade is B plus.

X15,

Perhaps you had the most challenge of anyone in class given your interests. You are also a very quiet person. I can see wheels turning, and occasionally I saw you making vociferous points in group discussions. You were getting a better grasp of the scientific ideas as the semester progressed. Your peers awarded you 9 collaboration point as well. Thanks for participating in the class. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is B plus.

Y13,

You struggled with the concepts, but demonstrated a growing comfort with them as the semester progressed. You had some difficulty expressing yourself in writing and in your poster in strong ways, but you seemed to make an impression on your peers in that you earned 20 collaboration points, the max. I appreciated your dedication and conscientious work. Good luck with your future studies.

Your course grade is B plus.

V17,

We essentially talked this through last week, so nothing new will be said here. You struggled with the ideas and expressing them, but I can't fault your willingness to participate, engage in discussion, or your conscientious effort. You easily could have just given up on yourself but you hung in there. Your peers have helped you out by awarding you 13 collaborations points. So, in the end, my guess a few weeks ago is where you are grade wise, which frankly is not a bad outcome. I hope you are able to get into the place where you think you'll be able to develop your writing in the strongest way. It was a pleasure having you in class. Good luck!

Your course grade is B.

D24,

You were pretty much the "odd man out" in class, and were challenged in attendance, which affected other things associated with that. But let's look past that. The positive things are that when you were present, you contributed in positive ways. Despite your more extensive chemistry background, you did not overwhelm the folks in your groups with that. You had productive conversations and allowed others to express their thoughts and opinions. Your peers awarded you 15 collaboration points, which was better than some folks who were there all the time. Routinely, however, I found that your work lacked an investment. When you were asked to bring notes, you would have a spare sentence or two, and everyone else in class would have a page. You managed to demonstrate that you could handle the ideas, but what I saw was lacking in richness and coherence, so I had a response of "not quite" to your work. So, your grade reflects this ambivalence. I appreciated your curiosity and questions, and wish you good luck.

Your course grade is B minus.