

# EVST 399 / SOAN 300: Grade Adjustment Sheet

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Like most courses, various assignments count toward different parts of your course grade. Course Leadership counts for 10%; that includes active attendance and both in-class and out-of-class contributions to others' learning. Reading quizzes count for another 10%. Your CITI certification counts for an additional 5%.

There are four other major assignments. They are:

- Search Strategies exercise, Journal exercises, and Research examples — 15% of your grade
- Field and data exercises — 15% of your grade
- Research design project — 25% of your grade
- Midterm and final exams — 20% of your grade

At the end of the semester, you will have the option of adjusting **any of these four** course elements up or down by as much as 5%, so long as the total score still adds to 100. This lets you pay more attention to some course elements than to others, as your interests draw you.

For example, you might spend more time on your Research Proposal than is absolutely required, and decide to raise that part of your grade to 30%. You could then adjust one or more of the other elements down, to compensate

You do not need to use this option, but we will not let it hurt you; we will figure grades twice: once with standard weighting and again with your adjustments. You will earn whichever grade is higher.

To do so, please fill out the following form.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to adjust the course elements as follows:

1. COURSE ATTENDANCE, PARTICIPATION, & LEADERSHIP:	10%	10%	(may not adjust)
2. READING QUIZZES:	10%	10%	(may not adjust)
3. CITI TRAINING:	5%	5%	(may not adjust)
4. SEARCH STRATEGIES & JOURNAL EXERCISES, & RESEARCH EXAMPLES	15%	adjust to _____	
5. FIELD AND DATA EXERCISES	15%	adjust to _____	
6. RESEARCH PROPOSAL	25%	adjust to _____	
7. MID-TERM EXAM	20%	adjust to _____	
	TOTAL:	100%	