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Ancient Middle America Enthusiasts ...

Your scores and final grade are now in your Moodle Gradebook folder

<<u>https://moodle.umn.edu/</u>>.

You should have scores for all *Forum* postings *that were entered on time*, or by the end of the announced amnesty periods, or by the mutually agreed upon completion date(s). And you should have scores for all of the other materials you have submitted.

The "Adjustment Curve" for the semester is forty points for folks who took the final exam or who have made arrangements for an Incomplete (I).

The top letter grade allowed in general by the University of Minnesota is an A, which is 93%. When you are looking at your scores and figuring out your grades keep in mind that the University of Minnesota does not in general have an A+ letter grade, for reasons not well articulated by the University.

Keep in mind also that the UMD Grading and Transcripts Policy was newly defined on 3 January 2011 and that, as earlier mentioned, this course does its best to follow those guidelines. For a direct comparison of your Ancient Middle America scores with that UMD Policy have a look at the materials on the course "Grading Policies" WebPage at

<<u>http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/magrades.html#gradingpolicies</u>>. The Ancient Middle America "Curve" is on-line at <<u>http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/magrades.html#curve</u>>.

The top scores for the class were 99%, 96%, and 95s%. Congratulations! I'm sorry the University of Minnesota does not have an A+ for you and others.

If you are interested, some additional philosophical observations on Case Study and Exam and *Forum* grades, and the like, are on-line at "<u>The Strike Zone</u>" and "<u>The Curve</u>" and "<u>Grading</u> <u>Gymnastics . . .</u>"

I expect that the Ancient Cultures of Middle America grades will be officially submitted to the Registrar on Friday. In the meantime, have a look at and review your Moodle Gradebook folder https://moodle.umn.edu/, and if you have questions and/or comments please let me know by Thursday evening.

If you made arrangements for an "Incomplete" (*I*), then that will be the grading notation submitted to the Registrar (for the official record) *not* the one that currently appears in your **Moodle** Gradebook folder.

Our course developer says that your Ancient Cultures of Middle America course materials will be kept on-line for five years. So you should have easy access to your materials in at least the near future. And most of the course materials are also always on-line and up-to-date at the Ancient Cultures of Middle America public WebSite at <<u>http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/</u>>.

It was very nice having you in class. Thanks for choosing Ancient Cultures of Middle America.

Good luck to you in the future. Keep in touch. If you are in the Cina neighborhood stop by and say hello.

Have a great life. And enjoy your further explorations into Ancient Cultures of Middle America.

Best Regards and Best Wishes,

Tim Roufs