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Ancient Middle America Enthusiasts . . .

Your scores are now in your Moodle Gradebook folder <<https://moodle.umn.edu>>. 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)—**except for** “My Favorite . . . “My Least Favorite . . .” posting (which I do after all other grading is finished). And you should have scores for all of the other materials you have submitted on time.

The “Adjustment Curve” for the semester is sixty-one points for folks who have completed the final exam or who have made arrangements for an Incomplete (*I*). That sets the top of the class at over 100% percent, and, in effect, raises everyone’s score.

The final curve is set at over 100% even though the top letter grade allowed 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 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 Cultures of Middle America scores with that UMD Policy have a look at the materials on the course “Grading Policies” WebPage at <<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/magrades.html#gradingpolicies>>. The Ancient Cultures of Middle America “Curve” is on-line at <<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/magrades.html#curve>>.

If you are interested, some additional philosophical observations on project and exam and *Forum* grades, and the like, are on-line at "[The Strike Zone](#)" and "[The Curve](#)" and "[Grading Gymnastics . . .](#)"

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.

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 two years, and after that they will be moved to a class archive. 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

<http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/#title>.

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're in the Cina neighborhood stop by and say hello; if nothing else, you can always get some animal crackers.

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

Best Regards and Best Wishes,

Tim Roufs