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## Ancient Middle America Enthusiasts . . .

Your scores are now in your **Moodle** Gradebook folder. You should have scores for all *Forum* and Video Response 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. Note: The three lowest grades *in your Video Response category* were dropped (that means if you missed three, it had no effect on your total score; that item is listed as "Adjustments > Video Rating Credits" in your Gradebook).

(Please note that because of continuing problems with the UM system Turnitin was not used in this class this semester.)

The "Adjustment Curve" for the semester is **forty (40) points** for folks who took the final exam or who have made arrangements for an Incomplete (*I*).

**Please note that 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

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

The top scores for the class were 102.1%, 97.4%, 94.8%, and 94.1%. Congratulations! I'm sorry the University of Minnesota does not have an A+ for you and others who deserve an A+.

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 Middle America grades will be officially submitted to the Registrar Wednesday evening, 24 December 2014. In the meantime, have a look at and review your Moodle Gradebook folder, and if you have questions and/or comments please let me know by late Wednesday afternoon.**

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. **PLEASE NOTE: By University of Minnesota Policy Incomplete grades require a contract.**

### **Information on Incompletes**

Our course IT folks say that your Ancient Middle America course materials will be kept on-line in a **Moodle** archive 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 Middle America public WebSite** at <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anth3618/>.

**It was wonderful having you in class.**

**Thanks for choosing Ancient 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 generally get some animal crackers.**

As usual, if you have **any questions**, please let me know: <mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu>.

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

**Best Regards and Best Wishes for the Holidays,**

**Tim Roufs**