**Calculating Your Grade**

Your professor calculates your grade only once during the course, after the final exam. Because of the outstanding grades to be earned (final quizzes, the book review, etc.), your “current” grade is not a true average. However, if you ever want to know what your current, *possible* grade in the class is, it is easy, even if it involves a fair number of steps. First, recall the weighted percentages for each grading category, which are outlined on the syllabus:

Quizzes (8 of 9): 12%

Article Review #1: 13%

Article Review #2: 13%

First Exam: 14%

Second Exam: 18%

Final Exam: 22%

In-Class Participation: 8%

Next, you need to calculate your quiz average. You should be able to do this because all of your quiz grades are handed back across the semester. Calculate the grade as follows:

* Identify the lowest score
* Add up your quiz scores without including the lowest
* Divide by the number of quizzes to get your quiz average

Ex) ~~Quiz A: 75~~; Quiz B: 88; Quiz C 78; Quiz D 95; Quiz E 87; Quiz F 80; Quiz G 84

Sum of Best Quizzes(Quiz B: 88 + Quiz C 78 + Quiz D 95 + Quiz E 87 + Quiz F 80 +Quiz G 84) = 512

512/6 = 85.3%  
You might divide by 4, 5 or 7 as well, depending on how many quizzes have been so far returned, up to the final collective 8.

To determine your current average, multiply your major exam/assignment grades (all in your possession) by their weighted percentages and divide by the total of the weighted percentages.

Ex) Quiz Average 85.3% x 12 (Weighted Percentage) = 1023.6

First Exam 78% x 14 (Weighted Percentage) = 1092

First Article Review 80% X 13 (Weighted Percentage) = 1040

Total of Weighted Percentages: 12 + 14 + 13 = 39

Current Raw Average: 1023.6 + 1092 + 1040 = 3155.6   
Current Percentage Average: 3155.6/39 = 80.91%

Note the principle that the denominator above (39%) changes as you have more or less work returned to you. That is why you add the weighted percentages together to get the denominator.

Remember: with the participation, second and final exams, and the second article review grades yet to be determined, 61% of your grade is still in limbo in this scenario. Even your quiz average is still an unknown until the final weekend, since the lowest/dropped grade remains changeable until that point. So, it all leaves a lot of room for either improvement or implosion. Nevertheless, with the calculations above, you can at least get a sense of your performance thus far.