***Example 1***

**Class Presence and Participation**. Class presence and participation points are given to encourage your active class participation and discussion. You will be rewarded with a perfect score as long as you frequently come to class and actively contribute to the class discussion during recitations and lectures.

*Presence*: Although it is not required, most students send their professor a brief e-mail to explain their absence in advance. Students who repeatedly arrive late to the lecture or recitation will have their Class Participation grade lowered. Please sign the attendance sheet when you come to the class. Any false signatures will result in zero participation grades for all parties involved.

*Participation*: We will devote one entire session to the case discussion. The instructor’s role during a case discussion is that of a moderator. When the cases are discussed, we are less concerned with “right” or “wrong” answers than we are with thoughtful contributions which follow the discussion and either add to the debate or move it in a new direction. If you find it uncomfortable to speak up in class, we encourage you to visit your professor in office hours and work on this skill.

***Example 2***

Class participation is a very important part of the learning process in this course. Although not explicitly graded, you will be evaluated on the QUALITY of your contributions and insights. Quality comments possess one or more of the following properties:

* Offers a different and unique, but relevant, perspective;
* Contributes to moving the discussion and analysis forward;
* Builds on other comments;
* Transcends the “I feel” syndrome. That is, it includes some evidence, argumentation, or recognition of inherent tradeoffs. In other words, the comment demonstrates some reflective thinking.

We will use our assessment of your participation to manage borderline grades. While your participation grade is subjective, it will not be random or arbitrary. And, clearly, more frequent quality comments are better than less frequent quality comments.

***Example 3***

Attendance is not required in this course.

***Example 4***

Attendance is taken at all lectures, and participation in weekly sections will be graded on the following scale:

Unexcused absence = 0 points

In class, but asleep or obsessed w/laptop = 1 point

In class, but silent or ill-prepared = 2 points

In class and making an okay contribution = 3 points

In class and making quality contributions = 4 points

In class, but your cell phone rings = -5 points