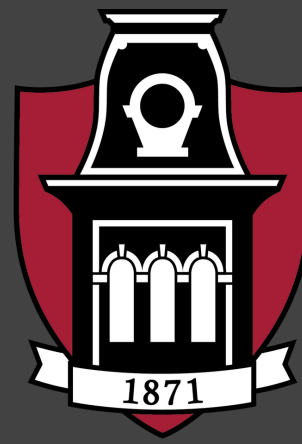


# Grading Contracts

## A Quick Reference Guide



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## What is contract grading?

- Gives students **specific, clear criteria** for earning a grade.
- Asks students to focus on **reading, writing, rethinking, and revising**.
- Emphasizes **giving and receiving feedback** and **making revision plans**.
- Begins from the assumption that **all students can become better writers**.

## Why use contract grading?

- To emphasize that **writing is a process**.
- To de-emphasize **subjective grading schemes** based on inequitable notions of "**correctness**."
- To help students build **skills, approaches, and literacies** that will help them in **any** communication situation.

## Resources

### Program Resources

- 1013 Grading Contract:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3y6h9bs7>
- 1013 Syllabus:  
<https://tinyurl.com/3hpupfuz>
- 1013 Course Guide:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8p7jsf>
- TA Handbook:  
<https://tinyurl.com/bddaap5u>

### Further Reading

- Alfie Kohn, "The Case Against Grades":  
<https://tinyurl.com/4hspswtn>
- Writing Commons, "So Your Instructor is Using Contract Grading...":  
<https://tinyurl.com/2s3ch8hd>
- CCCC, "This Ain't Another Statement...":  
<https://tinyurl.com/mr2b5763>
- Jesse Stommel, Ungrading: A Bibliography,  
<https://tinyurl.com/bddb477a>