## Participation

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The following four criteria will be used to determine your participation grade.

- $X$ : the frequency with which you attend class.
- $X=\frac{A}{T}$, where $A$ is the number of classes you attend and $T$ is the total number of classes for the semester.
- $Y$ : how well you participate during class.
- $Y$ ranges from 0 to 1 . If you speak at least once during each class, $Y=1$. If you speak less than once per class, it could still be the case that $Y=1$, depending how difficult it is for you to speak in class (shy people shouldn't be punished just for being shy), how on-point your contributions are, and so on.
- Things that lower your $Y$ score include - but are not limited to-being on your phone, sleeping, using your computer for anything other than notes and course readings, and skipping class.
- $Z$ : how well you coordinate with me.
- $Z$ ranges from 0 to 1 . A lower $Z$ score means that you did not communicate with me well, whenever communicate was needed. For instance, suppose that you set up a meeting with me, but fail to show. If you do not let me know why beforehand, and afterwards you also do not explain yourself, then your $Z$ score will be lowered. A higher $Z$ score means that when coordination was needed, you did a good job of it.
- $N$ : whether or not you conduct yourself appropriately during philosophical conversations.
- $N$ ranges from 0 to 1 . A score of $N=0$ means that you were mean, nasty, rude, domineering, and so on. A score of $N=1$ means that you were a reasonable human being.

Your participation grade will be determined by the formula below.

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\text { Participation grade }=25 \cdot(X+Y+Z+N)
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As mentioned on the syllabus, participation is worth up to 100 points. So if you get perfect scores on $X, Y, Z$, and $N$-that is, if you get a 1 for each of those quantities - then your participation grade will be a perfect 100 .

Sometimes, a student's circumstances require that their participation grade be computed in a manner differently from the one just described. So I reserve the right to change individual students' participation grades, if the circumstances warrant.

