

Rubric

Points will be awarded for each task based on the following criteria:

- 0 – task was not attempted
- 1 – task was attempted but not completed accurately
- 2 – task was completed accurately but not exceptionally
- 3 – task was completed accurately and exceptionally

The total number of points you earn on the tasks will be scaled so that your final grade on each assignment is out of 10 points. For example, if there are 5 tasks to complete on a particular assignment and your scores were 2, 2, 2, 3, and 3, then your initial score of $2+2+2+3+3 = 12$ points would be scaled to 8 points ($10 \times 12/15 = 8$).

In order to complete a task “exceptionally”, you must go well above the basic requirement of the task. For example, if you’re asked to record audio, you can earn 3 points if your recorded audio satisfies the basic requirement, is of a high quality (i.e. free of noise with wide dynamic range and frequency response), and you describe your recording setup in your instructions file (e.g. what microphones and audio interface you used, how you placed the microphones in your recording area, etc). Note that equipment can be checked out from the Music Department. To earn 3 points for a Pd or Max patch, your patch must work properly, be well-organized with labels (and perhaps colored buttons), be implemented in the most efficient, creative, and clever way possible, and be explained in your instructions file. To earn 3 points for your instructions file, your explanations must be well-articulated and free of grammatical errors.

VERY IMPORTANT: before you try to make your recordings or your patches exceptional, first make sure they’re accurate. The most you can earn for a task that’s not completed accurately is 1 point, regardless of how neat or professional your presentation is.

Professor Erbe designed the grading rubric so that it’s actually quite difficult to earn 3 points for every task on every assignment. According to Professor Erbe, the typical grade for each task will be a 2. However, he said that he usually curves the grades up at the end of the quarter, so your grades on the assignments may be higher in the end.