Faculty have the expertise and responsibility to grade carefully and fairly, as well as the academic freedom to establish grading criteria for courses. In addition, Chapman policy makes it very, very difficult to change a grade after it has been posted on your transcript; even if the professor supports a grade change, the policy states a grade should be changed only if there was a calculation error or clerical error. However, if you feel you have received a grade that is not accurate you can appeal your grade by petitioning the Standards Committee. Successful grade appeals are rare but they do happen; to win a grade appeal students will have to demonstrate clear evidence that the grade given is inconsistent with the grading criteria outlined in the course’s syllabus (e.g., the professor dropped your grade after two absences when the syllabus says you get three). The Standards Committee will not consider seriously subjective grading disputes (e.g., "my paper deserved an A," "the professor counted off too much for my project being late," etc.). To submit a petition to the Standards Committee, complete the petition form (http://www.chapman.edu/RegOffice/OC/forms/petition_UG.pdf) and submit it to the registrar’s office. You will be notified by the Standards Committee regarding the next step. One final note: as mentioned earlier, changing your grade after it has been posted is very difficult to accomplish. By far, a student’s best chance of changing a grade is to resolve any disagreement with the professor before he or she submits final grades.