Faculty have the academic freedom to use their expertise to establish course content, instruction plans, grading criteria, etc. Since most disputes between students and faculty are subjective (e.g., the student believes he or she deserved a better grade on a paper, etc.) the professor’s decision is almost always final. Typically the only time a student has recourse in a dispute with a professor is if the professor is taking action that is inconsistent with her or his syllabus. If this is the case, you can speak with the chair of the academic department of that professor to see if he or she is willing to help resolve the dispute. Please note: regardless of the issue, by far your best chance of reaching a satisfactory resolution is to work it out directly with the professor.