VISUAL SYLLABUS WORKSHEET

Visualizing a course overview can help students in a number of ways. Perhaps the most practical is giving them a visual indication of how they will be graded for the course. As you can see in the example on the right, the pie chart helps students understand that 70% of their grade is based on three tests, with 30% from the final.

Using your own drawing abilities, think about how you might want to organize the key elements: *Contact information, Assignments, Summary, Required Texts, and Calendar information. Use this worksheet to inspire your visualization.*
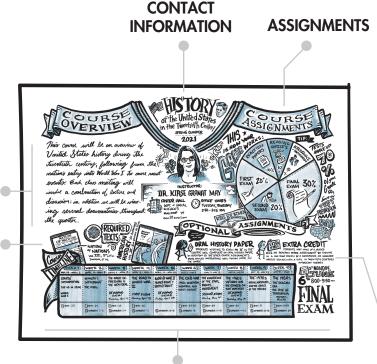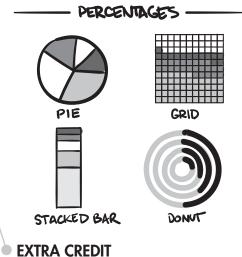
Timelines help orient the learner around a calendar of events. Timelines are sequential, and can be represented a myriad of ways. Depicted here are a few methods instructors could use to detail content along a timeline.

Below are four methods for displaying percentages. The pie chart is the most common, but the others are also frequently used in data visualization. Experts point to the stacked bar as the most accessible for understanding percentages, but all of the examples could work in a syllabus.

CONTACT INFORMATION

ASSIGNMENTS

COURSE SUMMARY

REQUIRED TEXTS

SCHEDULE OF ASSIGNMENTS / CONTENT

EXTRA CREDIT

— **PERCENTAGES** —

PIE

GRID

STACKED BAR

DONUT

— **TIMELINES** —