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06269-1009. *Using specifications grading in a five-week summer calculus I course.* Preliminary
report.

Specifications grading is a system of grading put forth by Linda B. Nilson in her 2015 book *Specifications Grading: Restoring Rigor, Motivating Students, and Saving Faculty Time*. Nilson's book gives some broad guidelines in order to allow for applications in any field: specifications grading involves grading individual assignments on a pass/fail basis, while giving students a clear framework of specifications for passable work and a precise explanation of how those passes and fails will be translated into a final letter grade.

In the summer of 2017, I used specifications grading for my five-week Calculus I course. I will discuss the system that I chose to implement, including specifications for passable work and scheme for final letter grades, as well as how it was received by students and how learning outcomes were affected. (Received September 26, 2017)