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**CATEGORY:** STUDENT AFFAIRS  
**SECTION:** University Grading  
**SUBJECT:** Grading System  
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**I. SCOPE**

This statement establishes the official University grading policy, and includes:

- All grades and their corresponding definitions
- All available grading options and their use

**II. POLICY**

The letter grade (LG) grading system identified below will be followed without exception:

		<u>Level of Attainment</u>		
		<u>Undergraduate</u>	<u>Graduate</u>	<u>First Professional</u>
A+	4.00			
A	4.00	Superior	Superior	Exceptional
A-	3.75			
B+	3.25			
B	3.00	Meritorious	Adequate	
B-	2.75			
C+	2.25			
C	2.00	Adequate	Minimal	Adequate
C-	1.75			
D+	1.25			
D	1.00	Minimal		
D-	0.75			
F	0.00	Failure	Failure	Failure

The following grades carry no quality points:

- G** - Unfinished Class Work (ongoing)  
Class work unfinished because of extenuating personal circumstances – work is considered in progress for up to one calendar year. If the class work is not completed within one calendar year, the grade will be changed to NG (see below).
- H** - Honors  
Honors (exceptional) completion of class requirements.
- HS**- High Satisfactory  
Used by School of Medicine only.

- I** - Incomplete – Used for graduate courses only.  
Incomplete course work, due to the nature of the course, clinical work, or incomplete research work in individual guidance courses or seminars.
- LS** - Low Satisfactory  
Used by School of Medicine only.
- M** - Military Duty
- N** - Audit  
Noncredit.
- NC** - No Credit  
Noncredit.
- NG** - Unfinished Class Work (expired)  
Class work unfinished because of extenuating personal circumstances – work is no longer considered to be in progress.
- R** - Resignation  
Student resigned from the University for the term.
- S** - Satisfactory  
Satisfactory completion of class requirements.
- U** - Unsatisfactory  
Unsatisfactory completion of class requirements.
- W** - Withdrawal
- Z** - Invalid Grade  
Invalid grade reported.
- \*\*** - No grade  
No grade reported.

The following are available course grade options:

LG	Letter Grade
H/S/U	Honors/Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
S/NC	Satisfactory/No Credit
LG and H/S/U	Letter Grade and Honors/Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory
LG and S/NC	Letter Grade and Satisfactory/No Credit
H/HS/S/LS/U	Honors/High Satisfactory/Satisfactory/Low Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (School of Medicine only)
S/U	Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (School of Medicine only)

Where no grade option is indicated for a class by the department, Letter Grade will be the only option.

All Thesis/Dissertation type classes are limited to the S/NC (Satisfactory/No Credit) grade option.