### Marking System – Grades
Following are the letter grades assigned:
- A, B, C, D, F, P, S, U

Following is a description of additional letter grades used:
- **FA**: failure and stopped attending
- **I**: incomplete – not used in calculating grade point average
- **N**: no credit, non-punitive (assigned only in certain courses)
- **NC**: no credit (audit) – not used in calculating grade point average
- **NR**: grade not recorded
- **W**: withdrawal – not used in calculating grade point average
- **WD**: withdrawal (assigned only in developmental courses) – not used in calculating grade point average
- **WP**: withdrawal passing – not used in calculating grade point average
- **WF**: withdrawal failing – added into GPA hours to compute grade point average
- **X**: grade not submitted by instructor - not used in calculating grade point average until grade submitted

Following is a description of notations used:
- **E** (* or RX): repeated course or course taken in previous career
- **I** (R or RE): repeating course
- **A** (X or RI): repeating course previously completed with passing grade – no credit for additional hours earned
- **: (# or FS)**: grades not used in calculation of grade point average – used to denote Academic Fresh Start as well as undergraduate courses taken by graduate level students
- **#**: course used to clear high school deficiency, used in calculation of grade point average
- **H**: appears beside course number of courses taken for honors credit at the undergraduate level (prior to Fall 2001)

### Quality Credits – Grade Point Average
The following quality point system is used in determining the grade point average (GPA):
- For each credit hour of A: 4.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of A+: 4.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of A: 3.67 quality points
- For each credit hour of A+: 3.67 quality points
- For each credit hour of B+: 3.33 quality points
- For each credit hour of B: 3.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of B+: 3.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of B: 2.67 quality points
- For each credit hour of C+: 2.33 quality points
- For each credit hour of C: 2.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of C+: 2.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of C: 1.67 quality points
- For each credit hour of C+: 1.67 quality points
- For each credit hour of D+: 1.33 quality points
- For each credit hour of D: 1.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of D+: 1.00 quality points
- For each credit hour of D: 0.67 quality points
- For each credit hour of F: 0.00 quality points

Beginning Fall 1997, graduate courses may be graded as + or -. Beginning Fall 2000, undergraduate courses may be graded as + or -. Beginning summer 2015, new transfer credits (regardless of term completed) are posted with a leading “T” on the grade and those grades are not calculated in the overall and overall combined GPAs.

### Course Numbering System Prior to Fall 2001
**Developmental Courses**
- 070-099
- (not degree credit)

**Undergraduate Courses**
- 100-499
- Lower Division 100-299
- Upper Division 300-499
- Graduate Courses: 500-799

### Course Numbering System Beginning Fall 2001
**Developmental Courses**
- 070-099
- (not degree credit)

**Undergraduate Courses**
- 1000-4999
- Lower Division 1000-2999
- Upper Division 3000-4999
- Graduate Courses: 5000-7999

### Unit of Credit
All work shown in semester hours.

### Retention Standards (Undergraduate)
Beginning with the Spring 1994 term, an undergraduate student failing to meet one of the following standards during any term will be placed on academic probation for the subsequent term:
1. Attain a 2.00 GPA for the current term, or
2. Meet one of the following retention standards:
   - 00-29.99 GPA hours: 1.5 Overall Combined GPA
   - 30-49.99 GPA hours: 1.8 Overall Combined GPA
   - 50 or more GPA hours: 2.0 Overall Combined GPA

A student on academic probation who fails to meet one of the above standards during the next term in which enrolled will be suspended.

Transcripts are incomplete until academic standing (i.e., Good Standing, Probation, or Suspension) is posted at the end of each semester. Once the next semester begins, academic standing is not recalculated even if grade changes are received unless a University error occurred.

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