

# GRADING

The university awards letter grades that are translated into quality points to determine a grade point average. The "+/-" ("plus/minus") grading system may be used by instructors to help students understand their performance more accurately. Under this system, quality points are assigned as follows:

| Grades | Quality Points  |
|--------|-----------------|
| A+     | 4.0 (see below) |
| A      | 4.0             |
| A-     | 3.7             |
| B+     | 3.3             |
| B      | 3.0             |
| B-     | 2.7             |
| C+     | 2.3             |
| C      | 2.0             |
| C-     | 1.7             |
| D+     | 1.3             |
| D      | 1.0             |
| D-     | 0.7             |
| F      | 0.0 (see below) |

The grade A+ is given for extraordinary work and appears on the transcript with the "plus" qualification, but it awards no additional quality points.

The grade F means not passing and earns neither semester hours toward graduation nor quality points; however, the number of semester hours attempted is computed into the point standing, so that an F has a negative effect on the point standing. All missing grades change to failing grades one year after the completion of the semester in which the course was taken.

Other letter grades, all of which do not enter into the point standing, include the following:

**AU** means Audit.

**I** means Incomplete Work.

**NC** means No Credit.

**P** means Passing.

**S** and **U** mean Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory.

**W** means Withdrew.

**X** means No Basis for Grade.

For a course taken on a pass-no credit basis a grade P is given for achievement equivalent to the standards for the grades A through D in the same course and earns the designated number of semester hours toward graduation. For courses using S and U, an S will earn semester hours, but those hours may not be counted toward the minimum number of hours required for graduation or a degree. The grade X is available only for graduate level courses for which the work is not yet finished due to the nature of the study.

The university's undergraduate grade point average (UGPA) is determined by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the total number

of semester hours attempted with earned grades. The UGPA takes into account all undergraduate course work taken at the university, except that courses numbered below the 100 level will not be used in the earned hours or UGPA calculations. Grades and quality points earned at other institutions are also not incorporated into the UGPA.

A program GPA is calculated by including only those courses used to satisfy degree requirements. Courses for which transfer credit has been awarded are not included in the calculation. The program GPA is used for determination of honors and satisfaction of degree requirements.