



The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

College of Graduate Health Sciences

College Policies

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Purpose

This policy defines the assignment of grades.

Policy Details

The standard grading scale, using A, B, C, etc., does not provide sufficient resolution to be fair to all students. Therefore, the following system of grades, with equivalent quality point value, is used for courses offered through the College of Graduate Health Sciences: A (4.0); A- (3.67); B+ (3.33); B (3.00); B- (2.67); C+ (2.33); C (2.00); C- (1.67); D (1.00); and F (0). Grades P (for progress) and N (for no progress) are used primarily for grading work in research but may be used for select courses in interprofessional education indicating progress or no progress in demonstrating the identified student learning outcomes or competencies. These grades are not included in calculating the grade point average (GPA).

The following grading policies are applicable to graduate students:

- The grade of D is computed in the scholastic average but does not carry credit toward a degree. No graduate student will be allowed to repeat a course for the purpose of improving a grade.
- The designations WP or WF will be recorded to indicate pass or failure in those instances in which a student withdraws from a course before completing the work. If less than 10% of the course assessments have been completed, the grade recorded is simply W. Withdrawals are not allowed after the course is 70% complete.
- The designation I will be used in those instances in which a student is unable to complete a course at the regular time because of an acceptable reason, but is performing at a passing level. In such cases, arrangements are to be made by the instructor for the student to complete the work, and the I is to be replaced by whatever grade the instructor considers the student to have earned.
- The I designation cannot be permanent on a student's record, and must be removed by the end of the semester or term following that in which it was received. In the case of a graduating student, this designation must be removed no later than the day before commencement. Failure on the part of a student to



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remove an I within the time limit allowed will result in the grade of F being reported and recorded as a permanent grade.

Policy Scope

Applies to all enrolled students.

Related Policies

Appeal of Grades

Document History

Approved by Graduate Studies Council November 8, 2004.

Revised by Graduate Studies Council January 22, 2013 to align transcript letter designations and withdrawal policy with UTHSC policy.

Administratively revised May 14, 2013 to indicate suitable tools for course evaluation.

Revised by Graduate Studies Council November 24, 2015 to eliminate course evaluation as a condition for grade assignment and add P/N grading for interprofessional courses.

Administratively revised July 5, 2022 to align course completion milestone for WP/WF with the University's 70% policy.