

2016-2017 Graduate Academic Catalog and Student Handbook Addendum for Spring 2017 Implementation

Grading System

Every course listed on a student's official semester schedule as of the end of the schedule change period will be listed on the student's permanent record with some grade designation or symbol, even though the student may not complete the semester's work.

The following grades are assigned and are calculated into grade point average (GPA):

Numerical

<u>Grade Symbol</u>	<u>Equivalent</u>	
A	excellent	4.00
B	good	3.00
C	unsatisfactory	2.00
D	unsatisfactory	1.00
F	unsatisfactory	0.00
WF	withdrew, failing	0.00

The following grade symbols show on the transcript but are not included in the GPA:

S/U — **Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory**. Indicates satisfactory completion of a course graded on a "satisfactory/unsatisfactory" basis. Use of *S/U* grading is limited to certain laboratory, clinical, activity, and field-based courses. Hours earned with a grade of S may count toward graduation, but they do not affect grade point average. Hours earned with a grade of U may not count toward graduation and will not affect grade point average.

I — **Incomplete Grade**: The grade of "I" denotes an incomplete grade for the course, and will be awarded only when the student has done satisfactory work up to the last two weeks of the semester, but for nonacademic reasons beyond the student's control, is unable to meet the full requirements of the course. The grade of "I" must be removed by the end of the next semester or term of attendance.

The grade of "I" will not be included in the calculation of the student's scholastic average at the end of the semester in which the grade of "I" is received. Upon completion of the outstanding requirements within the specified time limit, a final grade of A, B, C, D or F will be assigned in the course on the basis of the student's total performance, and the grade will then be included in the calculation of the student's cumulative grade point average. If the outstanding work is not completed by the end of the following semester or term, then the "I" will be changed to an "F" and calculated into the student's cumulative grade point average. An "I" cannot be removed by reenrolling in the course.

W — **Withdrew**. Indicates that a student withdrew before midterm or withdrew after midterm but with hardship approval. (See the heading above for details on withdrawal policy.)

V — **Audit**. Indicates that a student audited a course. Students may not change from audit to credit status or vice versa.

K — **Credit by Examination/Experience**. Indicates that the student was given credit for the course via a credit by examination or experience program (CLEP, AP, or other proficiency exam).

NR— **Not Reported**. This symbol indicates a grade was not reported to the Office of the Registrar. It is a temporary grade and will be changed by the Registrar upon certification of actual grade by the appropriate dean or associate dean.