

## Grades, Graduate

The graduate grading system is intended to reflect higher standards of critical and creative scholarship than those applied at the undergraduate level. To receive a graduate grade in courses open to both undergraduate and graduate students, the graduate student is expected to do work of superior quality and is required to do any additional work specified by the instructor. To be awarded a graduate degree, a student must have achieved at least a 'B' (3.0) overall grade point average. Grades of 'B-minus' and below are unsatisfactory for graduate level work. A limited number of 'B-minus', 'C-plus,' or 'C', though unsatisfactory, may be applied toward a graduate degree provided they are offset by a sufficient number of higher grades to maintain a grade point average of 3.0. Grades below 'B' can constitute reason for dismissal from a program at the department or program's discretion. Students should consult with their departments and advisors regarding unsatisfactory grades and their impact on good academic standing. All graduate teaching assistants and graduate research assistants must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in order to continue their assistantship appointments. Every effort is made to assist students whose work suffers as a result of a condition beyond their control, or interruption of study for military service.

**Law School and School of Medicine:** This grading system does not apply to Law School students in the J.D. program or students in the four-year M.D. program of the School of Medicine. Students enrolled in those programs should see the appropriate sections of this bulletin and should consult with appropriate Program Directors for more information.

**Final grades for graduate courses** are recorded under the following system.

**A — Excellent:** 4.0 grade points per credit hour

**A-minus:** 3.67 grade points per credit hour

**B-plus:** 3.33 grade points per credit hour

**B — Good:** 3.0 grade points per credit hour

**B-minus:** (Below Graduate Standards) 2.67 grade points per credit hour

**C-plus:** (Below Graduate Standards) 2.33 grade points per credit hour

**C — Below Graduate Standards:** 2.0 grade points per credit hour

**F — Failure:** 0 grade points per credit hour

**M — Marginal Pass** in designated courses such as field work, practicums and internships (not considered in calculation of the grade point average).

**S and U — Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory** performance in non-degree courses and in certain designated courses such as field work, practicums and internships. The grade of 'S' is given for all dissertation credits upon final acceptance of the dissertation in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Ph.D. and Ed.D. degrees. 'S' and 'U' grades are not considered in the calculation of the grade point average but courses completed with an 'S' grade may count toward a degree.