

Marks/Grades; Definitions of Grades; Grading Scales for Undergraduate Students

MARKS / GRADES

Undergraduate (See also additional information on transcripts below)
 (S.99-279, S.10-197)

Arts and Humanities, Business, Education, Engineering, Health Sciences, Information and Media Studies, Medicine & Dentistry (BMSc), Music, Science, Social Science, Continuing Studies at Western, and the Affiliated University Colleges: Brescia, Huron, King's

A+	90 - 100%
A	80 - 89%
B	70 - 79%
C	60 - 69%
D	50 - 59%
F	below 50% or assigned when course is dropped with academic penalty

Dentistry

(S.02-125) s.a. http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/regn/profprog_dentistry.pdf

A	80 - 100%	Honors
B	70 - 79%	Pass
C	60 - 69%	Pass
F	59% and below	Fail
SRP		Supplemental Examination/Remedial Work Passed
IPR		In Progress
INC		Incomplete

Law

(S.06-120) s.a. http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/regn/profprog_law.pdf re the grade point system.

A+, A, A-	Excellent	10, 9, 8 grade points respectively
B+, B, B-	Good	7, 6, 5 grade points respectively
C+, C, C-	Competent	4, 3, 2 grade points respectively
D	Marginal Pass	1 grade point
F	Fail	
PAS	Pass	
FAI	Fail	
AUD	Audit	
WDN	Withdrawn	
INC	Work is incomplete	

Medicine (MD)

(S.05-165) See also http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/regn/profprog_medicine.pdf

PAS	Clear competency with regard to all criteria considered essential for the completion of that specific course. On any evaluation this will be determined by achieving a minimum of 60%
CR	Credit
FAI	An inability to meet the minimal acceptable standards for a specific course. Less than 60%.
INC	Incomplete
IPR	Course in Progress
SRP	Supplemental Examination /Remedial Work passed

TERMINOLOGY/DESCRIPTIONS OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

(S.1575, S.1718.2, S.03-130, SCAPA-09JAN, S.10-197)

The following terminology will be used for undergraduate courses in Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering Science, Health Sciences, Information and Media Studies, Music, Science, Social Science, Continuing Studies at Western, and the Affiliated University Colleges: Brescia, Huron, King's.

Instructors shall enter one of the following on the official record of final student evaluation for each student:

A specific mark or grade

AEG Aegrotat

AUD Audit

COM Complete

CR Credit

DEF Deferred Exam

DNW Did Not Write

DRP Dropped (Penalty)

FAI Fail, for course designated pass/fail

FTW Failed Term Work

INC Incomplete

IPR In Progress

NC No Credit

NGR No Grade Reported

PAS pass, for course designated as pass/fail

PWD pass with distinction, for courses designated as pwd/pass/fail in Faculties that offer this designation

SAT Satisfactory

SPC Special exam

SUP supplemental exam, in faculties that offer supplemental privileges

WDN withdrawn, if withdrawal is without academic penalty

This regulation also applies to the mid-year examination period.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON TRANSCRIPTS

(S.99-43, S.99-279)

Effective January 1, 2001, the following changes will be made to transcripts and to the reporting of grades:

- 1) Class (i.e., section) average will be added to the transcript (assessing failures as 40%);
- 2) For passing grades, the class size (i.e., section) will be added to the transcript (including failures in the enrollment);
- 3) The university-wide descriptors of the meaning of letter grades outlined as follows were approved by Senate and will be printed on the back of the transcripts:

University-wide grade descriptors:

A+	90-100	One could scarcely expect better from a student at this level
A	80-89	Superior work which is clearly above average
B	70-79	Good work, meeting all requirements, and eminently satisfactory
C	60-69	Competent work, meeting requirements
D	50-59	Fair work, minimally acceptable
F	below 50	Fail

In some Faculties, failing grades are distinguished as follows:

E	40-49	Fail with supplemental examination privileges
F	below 40	Fail

An annual report by SCAPA will be made to Senate showing average grades and distribution, by Faculty, and the entry average of incoming students.

Secretarial Note: With respect to item 1 the above policy, the regulations on calculation of weighted average marks for the Faculty of Engineering are different with respect to the calculation of the average, i.e., assessing failures as 40%. See http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/regn/profprog_engineering.pdf

INCOMPLETE STANDING

(S.1576, S.4327, S.03-098, S.08-168)

A student who, for medical or compassionate reasons, is unable to complete his/her term work prior to the last day of classes and who wishes an extension in order to complete it, shall submit a written request to the Dean of the Faculty in which the student is registered. The request shall include the following information:

1. the type and extent of the work to be completed;
2. the date on which it is due;
3. the name of the faculty member who will receive and grade it.

Before making a decision, the Dean will consult with the instructor and Department Chair or Director. If Incomplete Standing is granted, the Dean shall inform the student, the instructor, and the Department Chair or Director of the date by which a final grade must be forwarded to the Registrar.

Failure of the student to meet the extended assignment deadline shall result in a grade of zero (0) for the assignment unless the Dean authorizes a further extension for medical or compassionate reasons. In any case, students who continue an Incomplete Standing in a course at the beginning of the Add/Drop period of the following registration session (including Fall, January and Intersession/Summer sessions), must reduce their course load accordingly or seek permission for an overload from the Dean of their Faculty.

The authorization of the Chair of the Department or Departmental Graduate Studies Committee shall be sufficient for granting Incomplete Standing for graduate students.

When a grade of Special (SPC) or Incomplete (INC) appears on a student's record, the notation will be removed and replaced by a substantive grade as soon as the grade is available.

MARKING SCALES

(S.02-10)

Marks for achievement in courses are assigned as follows:

Mark Range	Grade
90 –100	A+
80-89	A
70-79	B
60-69	C
50-59	D
Below 50	F*

* Average calculations will INCLUDE failed marks. All marks below 50% are considered failures. Failing marks below 40% will be included in average calculations as 40%, marks from 40% to 49% will be included as the actual mark reported. A count of failed attempts will be maintained.

Note: Averages will be calculated to two decimal places and rounded to the nearest whole number with .45 rounded up.

Handbook Notes:

This file is on the web http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/general/grades_undergrad.pdf

Historical Information (grade points) is in the old file

<http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/general/grades.pdf>

For graduate students refer to http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/handbook/general/grades_grad.pdf
