

# Grades

## Student Evaluation

The quality of your work in courses is indicated by letter grades that you receive at the conclusion of each term. Each letter grade carries quality points, which are used in computing your cumulative grade point average (GPA). The evaluation system is as follows:

- **“A”-Superior**  
For each credit hour, four quality points are earned.
- **“B”-Above average**  
For each credit hour, three quality points are earned.
- **“C”-Average**  
For each credit hour, two quality points are earned.
- **“D”-Below average**  
For each credit hour, one quality point is earned.
- **“F”-Failing**
- **“FN” – Failing for non-attendance**  
No quality points are earned. Credit for a course in which a grade of “F” or “FN” has been received may be earned only by repeating and passing the course.
- **“I”- Incomplete**  
“I” indicates that (1) your course work is qualitatively 75% satisfactory, but for legitimate reasons a small amount remains to be completed and (2) your academic record justifies the expectation that a passing mark would have been obtained if you had completed all course requirements.

You must complete the work no later than six weeks into the subsequent term. (Note: The only exception to this procedure would be “incompletes” given in spring term. In this case, you have six weeks into the following fall term to complete work). If the work is not completed within the time provided, the grade becomes an “F.”

With approval from your instructor, you may petition the Vice President of Academic Services for additional time in which to complete the work; however, in no case shall this be any longer than the end of the term subsequent to the one in which the “I” was received.

## Grade Point Average (GPA)

Your cumulative GPA is computed at the conclusion of each term by dividing the total number of quality points earned by the number of credit hours you have attempted throughout your enrollment. To arrive at this calculation, use the following grade values to determine the total number of quality points earned:

- A=4 points
- B=3 points
- C=2 points
- D=1 point
- F=0 points

**Example:** A student with 13 credit hours who received an “A” in a three credit hour course, a “B” in a four credit hour course, a “C” in a two credit hour course, a “D” in a one credit hour course, and an “F” in a three credit hour course, would compute the grade point average in this way:

$$\begin{array}{r} A = 4 \text{ points} \times 3 \text{ credit hours} = 12 \\ B = 3 \text{ points} \times 4 \text{ credit hours} = 12 \\ C = 2 \text{ points} \times 2 \text{ credit hours} = 4 \\ D = 1 \text{ point} \times 1 \text{ credit hour} = 1 \\ F = 0 \text{ points} \times \underline{3} \text{ credit hours} = \underline{0} \text{ (or FN)} \\ \hline 13 \qquad \qquad \qquad 29 \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad 29 \text{ quality points} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \div \underline{13 \text{ credit hours}} \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad 2.2308 \text{ GPA} \end{array}$$