

GRADING POLICY, POSTGRADUATE

General Principles

1. Overall final grades for courses are assigned by instructors at the end of every semester or summer session. All grades are subject to confirmation at the Formal School Exam Boards and University Exam Board.
2. Each letter grade is assigned a numerical equivalent on the following scale for **postgraduate** study:

Grade	GPA	Descriptor	Detailed Descriptor
A	4.0	Excellent	Grade A applies only to work which: • is of excellent to exceptional standard • demonstrates in-depth knowledge and understanding • demonstrates substantial work and original thought has been involved • makes use of very high quality analysis, synthesis, evaluation and critical appraisal • is organised and structured to a high standard
A-	3.666		
B+	3.333	Good	Grade B applies to work which: • is of good to very good standard • demonstrates sound and good quality of knowledge and understanding • demonstrates good quality analysis, synthesis, evaluation and critical appraisal • indicates an increasing ability to incorporate meaning into the work and understand key theories, debates and criticisms • is well organised and structured
B	3.0		
B-	2.666		
C+	2.333	Satisfactory	Grade C applies to work which: • is adequate although undeveloped • fulfils the requirements of the project at a foundation level in terms of its quality, analysis and expression • limited level of research and understanding of key theories and debates
C	2.0		

			is organised and presented in a satisfactory form
C-	1.666	Inadequate	- falls below the threshold criteria - demonstrates limited knowledge and understanding - demonstrates minimal attention to quality, range, and appropriateness of research - passing grade at activity level only. - Overall course grades below C/2.000 will be graded as F/0.000.
F	0	Fail	Grade F applies to work which: - is of very poor standard - has not been submitted or has been submitted beyond the project deadline - shows a complete lack of content, thought or application - makes no or insufficient use of analysis and relevant skills - is the product of academic misconduct - does not fulfill the brief - failing grade at all levels
FA	0	Fail (Attendance)	Grade FA applies to work where: a student has breached the University's Attendance Policy
FS	0	Fail (Non-Submission)	Grade FS applies to work which: has not been submitted or has been submitted beyond the project deadline
FX	0	Fail (Academic Misconduct)	Grade FX applies to work which: is the product of academic misconduct

Additional grades that do not have a numerical equivalent and are not used in GPA calculations are:

Grade	Brief Descriptor
AU	Audit
I	Incomplete
P	Pass (non-credit only)

TR	Transfer Credit
TRP	Transfer Credit (provisional)
W	Withdrawn

VERSION MANAGEMENT

Responsible Department: Registry Services			
Approving body: Academic Board			
Version no.	Key Changes	Date of approval	Date of effect
001		24 July 2018	28 August 2018
002	Inclusion of two new grades.	July 2021	30 August 2021
003	New grade boundaries	May 2022	01 September 2022
004	Updated grade descriptors	June 2023	September 2023
005	Update to C- descriptors and addition of no C- at overall course grade.	June 2024	01 Sept 2024
		Restricted access? <i>Tick as appropriate</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No	