

FMS undergraduate letter grade guidelines
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A+	Demonstrates excellent comprehension of course materials and submits exceptional written or creative work with originality of thought or above-and-beyond contribution. <i>Mere completion of assignments is not sufficient for an A range grade.</i>
A	Demonstrates excellent comprehension of course materials and submits excellent written or creative work. <i>Mere completion of assignments is not sufficient for an A range grade.</i>
A-	Demonstrates excellent comprehension of course materials and submits very good written or creative work. <i>Mere completion of assignments is not sufficient for an A range grade.</i>
B+	Demonstrates very good comprehension of course materials and submits very good written or creative work.
B	Demonstrates good comprehension of course materials and submits good written or creative work.
B-	Demonstrates good comprehension of course materials and submits satisfactory written or creative work, with room for improvement in written or creative work.
C+	Demonstrates satisfactory comprehension of course materials and submits satisfactory written or creative work, with room for improvement.
C	Demonstrates adequate comprehension, completes assignments and submits adequate satisfactory written or creative work, with room for improvement. Peer tutoring or other resources suggested.
C-	Demonstrates barely adequate comprehension and submits barely adequate written or creative work, with significant room for improvement. Peer tutoring or other resources suggested.
D+/D/D-	Does not meet baseline expectations of FMS majors or minors in FMS classes. Demonstrates minimal comprehension of course materials. Significant need to improve written or creative work. Peer tutoring or other resources suggested.
F	Does not meet baseline expectations of FMS majors or minors in FMS classes. Fails to complete assignments and/or to demonstrate minimal

comprehension of course materials. Peer tutoring or other resources suggested. Campus resources may provide support for non-academic challenges.

P/PN P (for Pass) is assigned if the student has chosen that grade option and is assigned if the student's work is equivalent to C- or above.

NP (No Pass) is assigned if the student's work is equivalent to D+ or below and is treated as equivalent to failing the course. Students do not earn credit toward degree requirements if they earn this grade. This notation does not impact the student's GPA.

I Incomplete. A student may request an Incomplete if they have completed a majority of work for a course but need an extension to complete assignment(s) due to extenuating circumstances. *Students and instructors must confirm a plan with clear expectations and deadlines for the completion of the work; this plan must be made prior to the end of the term for this grade option to be available.* If a student simply has not completed the class, the student will earn 0s for missing assignments and the final grade will be calculated accordingly. Incompletes are not permitted as substitutes for F grades or in cases when the student has failed the assignments completed to date. The instructor will submit a grade change upon submission and grading of missing work. If a student has not completed the assigned work within 12 months, the I automatically converts to F.

W Withdrawal. The student has withdrawn from the course after week 6 and before the end of week 10. This notation does not impact the student's GPA. The final deadline to withdraw from a course is end of day on Friday of week 10.

All grades are earned and reflect the student's performance in classes, regardless of the student's perception of how much work they have done. No grades are assigned punitively.

The registrar only allows instructors to change submitted grades to correct clerical or procedural errors or to update an Incomplete. Letter grade changes for other reasons (such as reassessment or revised/additional work) are not permitted by the campus registrar.

Students who are concerned about how Ds, Fs, NPs, Is, Ws, and NPs may impact their financial aid should contact the Humanities Undergraduate Office or the Office of Financial Aid.

Students may repeat courses, up to a maximum of 16 units, in which they received grades of below a C- (or NP). If the course was originally taken on a letter grade basis, it must be

repeated on a letter grade basis. If the original grade was an NP in a course, it may be repeated on a P/NP basis or for a letter grade. Repeats of deficient grades in “Topics Vary” courses are possible only if the title and the content are exactly the same.