

5. UNDERGRADUATE RATING, GRADES AND GRADE POINTS

*The course outline may stipulate how the final grade is determined. While the total of all elements of a course may exceed 50%, a pass in certain components may be mandatory in order to pass the course.

a. The rating of undergraduate students' performance is given as shown below in equivalent grades, grade points, and percentages.

Grade	Grade Points	Percentage Points	Rating
A+	4.30 ¹	90-100	
A	4.00	85-89	Excellent
A-	3.70	80-84	
B+	3.30	77-79	
B	3.00	73-76	Good
B-	2.70	70-72	
C+	2.30	67-69	
C	2.00	63-66	Satisfactory
C-	1.70	60-62	
D	1.00	50-59	Marginal
F	.00	0-49	Failure or withdrawal after deadline (see 16 below)
IP			In Progress (Applicable only for undergraduate honours courses.)

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In November 1997, the Senate of Saint Mary's University voted to have the A+ grade carry 4.30 grade points, retroactive to I Summer Session, 1988. All past decisions on academic matters, such as academic probation/requirement to withdraw, placement on the Dean's List, qualifications for graduation, academic distinctions, and scholarships, shall not be affected.

b. The following grades shall be given when appropriate but will not be calculated in the grade point average:

Aegrotat standing (see #12)	AE
Authorized withdrawal from course (see #16a)	W
Pass (P) or No Credit (NC)	P/NC

Students may choose to select a Pass (P) or No Credit (NC) (<https://www.smu.ca/academics/pass-no-credit-grading-option.html>) for up to 12 credits hours in a 4 year (120 credit) program or up to 9 credit hours in a 3 year (90 credit) program.

c. The minimum passing grade is D (or its equivalent). Students should be aware, however, that a grade of D (or the equivalent) is regarded as a marginal pass and therefore carries negative connotations. For example, many programs require a grade higher than "D" in an introductory course in order to declare a major.

d. In cases where students have not been able to complete the work of the course due to exceptional circumstances the instructor may, with the prior written authorization of the Dean of the Faculty, give the grade IC (incomplete). The IC grade will not be included in the calculation of any grade point average. The IC will be automatically converted to a failing grade, F, if the instructor does not submit a final grade as follows: for first term by Jan 31, for the second term by May 31, for summer session one by July 31 and for summer session two by Sept 30.

e. A temporary grade of IP (in progress) may be assigned by the instructor with the Dean's official concurrence in those instances where students do not complete on time the work in honours courses and theses. The IP grade will not attract any grade points and therefore will not be calculated into any grade point averages. If an IP grade has not been changed into a real grade six months from the last day of classes in the semester in which the course was taught it will automatically be converted to a failing grade of "F". The change from IP being a permanent grade with no impact on calculations of grade point averages to a temporary grade became effective on 1 September 2001 and is not retroactive.

f. The maximum time limit permitted for a change of final grade is six months from the last day of classes in the semester. Except for the changing of an already approved "incomplete" to a real grade, a grade change must be approved by the Dean of the Faculty in which the course is offered.

g. In cases where through no fault of the student, grades have not been received and processed by the deadline stipulated by Senate, a temporary grade of AI ("administrative incomplete") will be assigned but will not be included in the calculations of grade point and cumulative grade point averages. This temporary grade of AI is assigned by the Registrar.

h. Once a final grade has been submitted to the Registrar, supplementary examinations or any additional assignments for the purpose of changing that grade are not permitted.