UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC GRADES

Policy Statement

Quality points have been assessed for the various grades undergraduate students can earn.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

This policy is required for the effective communication of university policy regarding academic grades for undergraduates.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

All members of The University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/policy-stua-reg-013

Definitions

Policy/Procedures

A — indicates excellent work and carries four quality points per semester hour

B — indicates good work and carries three quality points per semester hour

C — indicates average work and carries two quality points per semester hour

D — indicates inferior work and carries one quality point per semester hour
E — indicates a course in progress. Not included in the grade point average, a grade of E shall be awarded for graduate thesis, recital and dissertation courses and for such self-paced or skill courses as the Academic or Graduate Council may designate. An E shall be changed to a P only in the case of credit for thesis and dissertation and then only for the last recorded credit for these courses. Otherwise, the E remains on the record indicating that to receive credit the student must reregister for the undergraduate course, repeating it on a regular basis until completing it. Upon completion, the appropriate grade, whether P or valuative, shall be assigned.

F — indicates failure and carries no quality points

NA — indicates the instructor reported the student as not attending. The grade is considered as attempted, but no quality points are earned. The grade is calculated as an F in the student’s grade point average.

I — indicates that a student was unable to complete course requirements by the end of the term because of extraordinary circumstances beyond his or her control. Poor performance or unexplained absences are not a justification for the assignment of an I. If an I has not been removed by the end of the next semester (excluding summer term), it automatically becomes an F. Students are prohibited from enrolling in any course for which the current grade is I. Students who have filed for degree and receive an incomplete grade will have to change their graduation term to the term ending the completion of their course work.

AW — indicates administrative withdrawal

WP — indicates withdrawal from a course passing after the deadline for dropping courses

WF — indicates withdrawal from a course failing after the deadline for dropping courses (This grade is computed in the GPA as F.)

P — indicates a passing grade in courses taken on a pass-fail basis (does not count in computing GPA)

Review

The Academic and Graduate Councils are responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A
Related Information

N/A

History

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Authorization

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As the Responsible Officer, I have reviewed this policy and believe it represents the current policy.

[Signature]

Responsible Officer

5-15-2013

Date