

Academic Regulations

their records from high school and prior college attendance for their personal file. Students also are strongly encouraged to request a General Education Certification from the California community college and/or California State University campus that they attended prior to enrolling at California State University, Fresno. The certification should be requested at the time final college transcripts are requested.

Grade Symbols and Grade Points

A — Excellent. Performance of the student has demonstrated the highest level of competence, showing sustained superiority in meeting all stated course objectives and responsibilities, and exhibiting a very high degree of intellectual initiative. (4 grade points per unit.)

B — Very Good.¹ Performance of the student has demonstrated a high level of competence, showing sustained superiority in meeting all stated course objectives and responsibilities and exhibiting a high degree of intellectual initiative. (3 grade points per unit.)

C — Satisfactory.² Performance of the student has demonstrated a satisfactory level of competence, showing an adequate level of understanding of course objectives, responsibilities, and comprehension of course content. (2 grade points per unit.)

D — Unsatisfactory.^{2,3} Performance of the student has been unsatisfactory, showing inadequacy in meeting basic course objectives, responsibilities, and comprehension of course content. (1 grade point per unit.)

F — Failure. Fails to meet course objectives. Work at this level does not meet requirements for credit toward a degree. (0 grade points per unit.)

U — Failure — Unauthorized Withdrawal.⁴ The symbol *U* indicates that an enrolled student did not complete course requirements and did not properly withdraw from the course. It is assigned when, in the opinion of the instructor, completed assignments or course activities, or both were insufficient to make normal evaluation of academic performance possible. (0 grade points per unit.)

CR — Credit for units allowed, work of *A*, *B*, or *C* quality in undergraduate courses and *A* or *B* quality in 200-level courses. (0 grade points per unit; units allowed for the degree.)

NC — No credit for units registered for, work of *D* or *F* quality in undergraduate courses and *C*, *D*, or *F* quality in 200-level courses. Replaces *I* grade in courses where *CR/NC* grading is used if required work is not completed within required time. (0 grade points per unit; no units allowed.)

W — Withdrawal after the fourth week of instruction. (Not used in grade point calculation.)

I — Incomplete. Semester requirements at least two-thirds complete with work of passing grade. (Not used in grade point calculation.) See *Incomplete Grade — Explanation*, which follows.

RD — Report delayed. Grade must be cleared before a degree is awarded. (Not used in grade point calculation.)

SP — Satisfactory Progress. Continuing work in progress. (No units allowed and not included in grade point calculation until grade is assigned.)

AU — Audit. Grade indicates student's status as auditor and does not earn degree credit.

Explanation of Grades

Audit Status (AU). Persons wishing to attend classes without matriculating or receiving college credit may register as auditors. Auditors must register during the late registration period. Students enrolled in audit status only may not transfer to credit status without completing admission procedures. This must be done within the first two weeks of instruction.

Matriculated students may audit courses in addition to those in which they are registered for credit.

Enrollment in a course as an auditor shall be permitted only after students otherwise eligible to enroll on a credit basis have had an opportunity to do so. Auditors are subject to the same fee structure as credit students. Regular class attendance is expected and the student may be required to participate in any or all classroom activities at the discretion

of the instructor. An audited course is not listed on the student's permanent record if the requirements for auditing the class are not met. A student who is enrolled for credit may not change to audit after the fourth week of instruction.

Credit for courses audited will not subsequently be granted on the basis of the audit. (See the current *Schedule of Courses*.)

Credit/No Credit Grading (CR/NC).

The credit/no credit grading policy at California State University, Fresno is designed to encourage academic exploration outside the major field of study. The policy also recognizes that in certain types of courses, student performance is best evaluated in terms of credit/no credit grading rather than through the traditional letter grades.

Neither the *CR* nor *NC* grade is included in the calculation of the grade point average. The grade of *CR* is assigned if the student's work is judged to be equivalent to an *A*, *B*, or *C* grade as applicable to regular enrollment in an undergraduate course or equivalent to an *A* or *B* grade in a 200-level course.

The *NC* grade is assigned if the student's work is not equivalent to these standards:

1. General conditions and limitations.

Some courses are not available for *CR/NC* grading (see individual course description), while others are designated as available for *CR/NC grading only*. All

¹ Master's degree candidates are reminded that a *B* (3.0) average is required in the master's degree program and for all courses (related and unrelated; lower division, upper division, and graduate) taken concurrently with the master's degree program.

² Undergraduate students are reminded that a *C* (2.0) average is required for all college coursework completed, all courses taken at California State University, Fresno, and all courses in the major in order to graduate with a baccalaureate degree. Some majors are subject to more stringent grading requirements.

³ Master's degree candidates are reminded that a *D* is not accepted toward any master's degree program.

⁴ A *U* is assigned only for courses graded *A* through *F*. The course can be repeated and the new grade may be substituted for the *U* by petition, except for master's degree students. (See *Repeating Courses*.)