GRADUATE GRADING

Letter grades: The following grades are used at the University: A (4.0), A- (3.67), B+ (3.33), B (3.0), B- (2.67), C+ (2.33), C (2.0), C- (1.67), D+ (1.33), D (1.0), D- (.67), F (0). Graduate credit is only granted for courses completed with a grade of B- or higher. Individual programs may have stricter requirements, and those are published with their degree program requirements.

AF Grades: An "AF" grade, Administrative F, is assigned for failure to either drop or complete a course. An "AF" is considered the same as an "F".

Credit/Fail Grades: A "CR" grade is assigned for complete, approved theses and dissertations, as well as other approved courses and seminars.

Pass/Fail Grades: Graduate courses cannot be taken pass/fail. A graduate student may petition to take undergraduate courses on a pass/fail basis. Such a petition must be approved by the end of the add period for the term the course is taken. Courses at the 700-level approved for graduate credit cannot be taken for pass/fail.

Audit Grades: An "AU" grade is assigned for completion of courses for which an audit was granted. No credit is earned.

Incomplete Grades: An "IC" grade is assigned with the approval of the instructor for excused unfinished work only. The work must be completed and submitted to the instructor by the date agreed upon with the instructor. An "IC" grade may not be used for purposes of meeting degree requirements. A student who has earned an "IC" grade and who subsequently withdraws must begin the term following the one in which the incomplete was granted. The student must then complete the course and submit the completed work to the instructor within the time frame designated by the instructor for excused unfinished work. If, after consulting the instructor, a student still believes that he or she was treated unfairly, he or she has the right to seek redress from the chairperson of the department or program in which the course is offered. Under exceptional circumstances, a final appeal may be made to the dean of the college or school in which the program is offered.

Repeated courses: Repeating a course does not remove the original course or grade from the record. If the course numbers and/or titles do not match exactly, graduate students must obtain written permission of their advisor, graduate program coordinator, and the endorsement of the Graduate School dean. An extension will be granted by the Graduate School dean before the adjustment will be made. Only the most recent grade is included in the cumulative grade-point average. A course may only be repeated once. Only repeated courses taken at UNH will alter the cumulative grade-point average.

UNH Credit Hour Policy

The University of New Hampshire is in compliance with the federal definition of credit hour. For each credit hour, the University requires, at a minimum, the equivalent of three hours of student academic work each week assuming a 15-week semester (student workload for shorter length terms must be increased proportionally per week to maintain required approximately 45 hours of work per credit per term). Academic work includes, but is not limited to, direct faculty instruction, e-learning, recitation, laboratory work, studio work, fieldwork, performance, internships, and practica. Additional academic activities include, but are not limited to, readings, reflections, essays, reports, inquiry, problem solving, rehearsals, collaborations, theses, and electronic interactions. Student work reflects intended learning outcomes and is verified through evidence of student achievement.