

GRADES

Grade Changes

Only the course instructor may initiate grade changes. Grade changes need the authorization of the appropriate Division Dean. Except under very unusual circumstances, a grade change will not be considered after the last day of the semester following that in which the initial grade was earned.

Grade Policy for Failing Grades (F)

Failing grades will be awarded to students who completed the course but did not meet the minimum course student learning outcomes. For students not having completed the course, the Withdrawal from Courses (<http://catalog.mwcc.edu/academicresources/academicandgradingpolicies/withdrawal/>) policy will be followed.

Grading System

The college uses the following grading system:

Letter Grade	Grade Points
A	4.00
A-	3.70
B+	3.30
B	3.00
B-	2.70
C+	2.30
C	2.00
C-	1.70
D+	1.30
D	1.00
D-	0.70
F	0.00

Students may receive the following codes:

Grade	Definition
CIP	Course in Progress
I	Incomplete
IP	In-progress
L	Audit
P	Passing (credit given)
S	Satisfactory
U	Unsatisfactory
W	Withdrawn (without grade point penalty)

A code of P - Passing is the grading equivalent of C or higher, and will not be factored into a student's GPA. This equivalency will be printed on the back of the official transcript.

The grade point average (GPA) is calculated by multiplying the number of credits for each course a student attempts by the points of the grade received in each course and dividing the total by the total credits attempted. For example, if a student enrolls in four three-credit courses, earns an A in one, a B in another, an F in the third, and a C in the fourth, the grade point average for that semester would be 2.25.

Example: Calculating Grade Point Average

	Credits Attempted	Grade	Grade Points	Total (Credits X Grade Points) Equals
	3	A	4.0	12
	3	B	3.0	9
	3	C	2.0	6
	3	F	0.0	0
Total:	12			27

Grade point average (27/12) equals 2.25. The points for each grade are given in the table above on the Grading System.

Credits transferred from other institutions or earned by challenge examinations, CLEP, DSST, Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, pass/fail courses, or by assessment of prior learning, will not be used in the computation of the grade point average.

Note: Many courses/programs will have a minimum grade requirement to advance. Please refer to the individual course/program requirements as noted in the catalog.

