

Grade Table and GPA

Grade Table

Grades are officially recorded by letters, evaluated as follows:

Letter Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Explanation
A	4.000	Outstanding achievement
A–	3.667	
B+	3.333	
B	3.000	Good achievement
B–	2.667	
C+	2.333	
C	2.000	Satisfactory achievement
C–	1.667	
D+	1.333	Undergraduate only
D	1.000	Undergraduate only/Poor achievement
D–	0.667	Undergraduate only
F	0.000	Fail
I		Incomplete ¹
IP		In progress ^{1,2}
CR		Credit (School of Law only)
HH		High Honor (School of Law only)
H		Honor (School of Law only)
P		Pass (School of Law only)
MP		Marginal Pass (School of Law only)
NE		Not enrolled
NG		Grade not reported by faculty ³
S		Satisfactory (counts toward total degree requirements)
U		Unsatisfactory
X		Incomplete ¹
L		Audit (no credit given)
T		Transfer
W		Withdrawal (student-initiated withdrawal after the add/drop period and before the withdrawal deadline)
AD		Administrative Drop ⁴
AW		Administrative Withdrawal ⁵

¹ I, IP, or X shows that the student has not completed the course requirements.

² IP is intended for courses that extend over several terms. The time restrictions on the incomplete grade do not apply to the IP grade. While the IP grade is left unchanged, it is not included in computing the GPA. If the IP grade is never changed, the course does not count toward graduation requirements.

³ NG is intended for classes with temporary unreported grades. The Office of the University Registrar may enter an NG grade code after the grading deadline in accordance with the academic calendar if no grade is entered on the student's record during the instructor grading period. The instructor of record will subsequently resolve the grade to update the student record. See also *Grade Change Policy*.

⁴ AD is assigned by the university when a student is removed from a course after the add/drop period but the approved academic appeal indicates that the student should not have a W grade. AD carries no academic penalty or calculation toward the GPA. It indicates that enrollment was ended due to circumstances outside the normal student course drop process. Administrative Drops are not counted toward total attempted hours in the calculation of Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid. See the *Financial Aid* page of this catalog for more information.

⁵ AW is assigned by the university when a student is removed from a course for administrative, academic, or disciplinary reasons based on an approved academic appeal. AW carries no academic penalty or calculation toward the GPA. It indicates that enrollment was ended due to

circumstances outside the normal student withdrawal process. Administrative Withdrawals are counted toward total attempted hours in the calculation of Satisfactory Academic Progress for financial aid. See the *Financial Aid* page of this catalog for more information.

Course Comments

The following notations may also appear on the student's transcript:

E	Course excluded from GPA
HON	Honors-level course
I	Course included in GPA

GPA

Numerical equivalents for scholastic averages are weighted according to the number of hours the course carries. For example, suppose a student receives a grade of B in a course carrying 4 semester hours and a grade of A in a course carrying 1 semester hour. The weightings for these example courses are as follows:

Grade	Numerical Equivalent	Semester Hours	Weight
B	3.000	4	12
A	4.000	1	4
Totals:		5	16

The GPA for both courses would then be the total weight (16) divided by the total semester hours (5), or 3.200. Grades of I, IP, S, U, and X are not included in the calculation of the GPA. See Grade Table (p. 1) for a complete list of grades and numerical equivalents.

SUBSTITUTING COURSES

In some cases, it may not be possible to retake a course if a student wishes to do so. In unusual circumstances, students may petition to substitute one course for another they have already taken, as long as the subject matter of both courses is substantially alike. With the approval of the student's academic advisor and the agreement of the department that offered the first course taken, a grade received in the new course will be labeled "Substitute" on the transcript and will be treated in the GPA calculation as a "retake" grade, as described at *Retaking Courses* in this catalog. The original grade will remain on the student's Northeastern University transcript. Students should consult with their academic advisor before enrolling in any proposed substitute course. Students are required to pay normal tuition charges for all substitute coursework.