

GRADE EXPLANATION

POLICY NUMBER: AAPC-GRADEEXPLAN

POLICY TYPE: ACADEMIC & ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL TITLE: PROVOST & EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

RESPONSIBLE OFFICE: VICE PROVOST FOR UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

EFFECTIVE DATE: FALL SEMESTER 2022–2023 (AUGUST 22, 2022)

NEXT REVIEW DATE: PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL PLUS FOUR (4) YEARS – 04/25/2026

SUPERSEDES POLICY DATED: 05/14/2018

BOARD OF REGENTS REPORTING (CHECK ONE):

PRESIDENTIAL RECOMMENDATION (CONSENT AGENDA/VOTING ITEM):

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)

I. POLICY STATEMENT

Grading Scale

Grade	Value in GPA Calculation	Interpretation
A	4.000	Represents exceptionally high achievement
A-	3.667	
B+	3.333	
B	3.000	Represents high achievement
B-	2.667	
C+	2.333	
C	2.000	Represents average achievement; the minimum expected of a college student
C-	1.667	
D+	1.333	
D	1.000	Represents the minimum passing grade for courses graded A through F
F	0.000	Represents failure in a course; credit can be earned only by successfully repeating the course.
VF	0.000	Represents a student cessation of attendance and/or participation in coursework—the lack of academic attendance/participation serves as the basis for a failing grade

II. ENTITIES AFFECTED

Students and Faculty

III. VF GRADE DEFINITION & PROCEDURES

VF GRADE

A VF grade reflects a student cessation of attendance and/or participation in coursework. The lack of academic attendance/participation serves as the primary basis for a failing grade. The VF will appear on the student's permanent academic record, and carries zero (0.00) quality points.

- a. A student who fails to officially withdraw from a course, but ceases to attend/participate in coursework may, at the faculty member's discretion, be assigned a VF ("Vanished F") grade as a final grade.
- b. When assigning a VF, the date of final attendance/participation will be required. As such, the grade may only be assigned following some participation in the course.
- c. A VF grade carries the same impact on a student's GPA as an F grade, equating to zero (0.00) quality points. As such, it is in a student's best academic interest to officially drop or withdraw from classes rather than simply cease attending/participating.
- d. The "[Retaking a Course](#)" policy applies to VF situations.

IV. REFERENCES AND RELATED MATERIALS

University Catalog

[Retaking a Course](#)

REVISION HISTORY

REVISION TYPE	MONTH/YEAR APPROVED
Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Addition of VF grade• Minor edits/formatting	April 25, 2022
Revision	May 14, 2018
Policy	January 26, 2011

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PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL

PRESIDENT

Signature

Ashish K. Vaidya

Date

04/25/2022

Ashish K. Vaidya

BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVAL

BOARD OF REGENTS (IF FORWARDED BY PRESIDENT)

- This policy was forwarded to the Board of Regents on the **Presidential Report (information only)**.
Date of Board of Regents meeting at which this policy was reported: 6/15/2022.
- This policy was forwarded to the Board of Regents as a **Presidential Recommendation (consent agenda/voting item)**.
- The Board of Regents approved this policy on ____/____/____.
(Attach a copy of Board of Regents meeting minutes showing approval of policy.)
- The Board of Regents rejected this policy on ____/____/____.
(Attach a copy of Board of Regents meeting minutes showing rejection of policy.)

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS

Signature

Tammy Knochelmann

Date

6/21/2022

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