GRADING SYSTEM

A: 4.00 grade points
A-: 3.67 grade points
B+: 3.33 grade points
B: 3.00 grade points
C: 2.00 grade points
F: 0.00 grade points

S or U (Satisfactory or unsatisfactory) - used primarily for thesis, dissertation, thesis/project/dissertation continuum or field-based courses or other courses with special recommendations from a program director with approval of the Graduate Studies Committee. A grade of S in thesis/project/dissertation, field-based courses or other graduate courses denotes that work of 3.0 level or higher has been completed. A grade of S in thesis/project/dissertation continuum is given when a student has a grade of IP (in progress) for thesis/project/dissertation and is making satisfactory progress, but has not completed the requirements of the thesis/project/dissertation. Once the student has successfully completed the requirements of the thesis/project/dissertation course, the IP grade for the course is changed to S.

A grade of U is given to students whose work is below 3.00 level quality for thesis, dissertation, project, field-based courses, or other courses for which special permission was given for S-U grading. A grade of U in thesis/project/dissertation continuum also is given when a student has a grade of IP (in progress) for thesis/project/dissertation, but is not making satisfactory progress toward completing the requirements of the thesis/project/dissertation. Grades of S or U in thesis/project/dissertation continuum courses are not counted towards satisfying graduation requirements. To be eligible to graduate a student must successfully complete the requirements of and earn a grade of S in the thesis/project/dissertation, the field-based course or other courses for which special permission was granted for the S-U grading.

FX - assigned when the student registers for a course but does not attend, or fails to withdraw officially from the course by the published last date to drop the course.

I (incomplete) - assigned at the end of the term because of documented illness or other reasons beyond the control of the student. Unless the course is completed within 180 days, the grade becomes F. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements to complete course requirements for removal of the I.

IP (in progress) - assigned for the thesis or dissertation that is in progress but not yet completed. When the thesis/dissertation is completed, the IP grades are changed to S (satisfactory) or U (unsatisfactory). See S or U guidelines for thesis or dissertation continuum.

W (withdrawn) - assigned when the student withdraws from the course according to policy.

International students: Please be aware that FX and W grades do not contribute toward the Full Course of Study requirement for F-1 visa status.

Changing to the Pass/No Pass grading option is not available for graduate students.