

## TRANSCRIPT EXPLANATION

### ACCREDITATION AND ACADEMIC CALENDARS

Florida State University is a fully accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and thereby is accredited for the Southern region, and reciprocally, for the country.

Florida State University College of Medicine was accredited by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education of the Association of American Medical Colleges and the American Medical Association, February 4, 2005.

Florida State College for Women (1909-1947) by act of the 1947 Florida State Legislature was made a co-educational institution and designated "Florida State University." The unit of credit at that time was the quarter hour and term designation was Quarter.

**Effective September, 1951** – The academic calendar for Florida State University was divided into two equal terms and a summer session, thereby having semester hours as the unit of credit.

**Effective September, 1962** – The academic calendar for Florida State University was divided into three equal terms, the unit of credit was semester; and the term designation was Trimester.

**Effective September, 1967** – The academic calendar for Florida State University reverted to four terms and the unit of credit was designated the quarter hour.

**Effective August, 1981** – The academic calendar for Florida State University reverted to two equal terms and a summer session and the unit of credit was semester hours.

**Effective August, 1984** – Florida State University implemented a grading system in which pluses and minuses may be added to the traditional letter grades.

### GRADING SYSTEM

Letter grades are assigned for all courses except for those specifically designated in the Bulletin as S/U graded only, or those for which the student has utilized the S/U option. The scale of letter grade is as follows:

Used to Compute G.P.A.	Not Used to Compute G.P.A.
A - Excellent	I - Incomplete
B - Good	**S - Satisfactory
C - Average	U - Unsatisfactory
D - Passing	EC - Credit Earned Through Exam
F - Failed	P - Passed (Graduate Tests)
IE - Incomplete Expired	ED - Departmental Exam Credit
GE - No Grade Expired	WD - Withdrawn with permission of dean
HM - Honors Medicine	*W - Withdrew/Late drop
PM - Pass Medicine	NG - No Grade Reported
	CR - Credit Received
	AE - A.I.C.E. Credit

\* A grade of "W" is used only to denote that a student was passing a course at the time he withdrew from the University.

\*\* In Spring 2020, students were eligible to choose S/U for most graded courses. The 'S' grade was equated to a 'C-' grade or better. More information on this and other academic policy exceptions for the Spring 2020 term can be found here:

[https://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate/information/academic\\_regulations/2019-2020\\_Addendum/](https://registrar.fsu.edu/bulletin/undergraduate/information/academic_regulations/2019-2020_Addendum/).

### QUALITY POINTS

Prior to the Fall Semester, 1955, the University operated on a three point grade system. However, from Fall Semester, 1955 to Fall 1984 quality points were assigned to passing grades as follows: A: 4 q.p.; B: 3 q.p.; C: 2 q.p.; D: 1 q.p.; F: 0 q.p.; IE: 0 q.p.; GE: 0 q.p.

Effective Fall Semester, 1984, quality points are assigned to grades earned as follows: A: 4.00 q.p.; A-: 3.75 q.p.; B+: 3.25 q.p.; B: 3.00 q.p.; B-: 2.75 q.p.; C+: 2.25 q.p.; C: 2.00 q.p.; C-: 1.75 q.p.; D+: 1.25 q.p.; D: 1.00 q.p.; D-: 0.75 q.p.; F: 0.00 q.p.; IE: 0.00 q.p.; GE: 0.00 q.p.

The grade point average is computed by dividing the number of hours attempted with letter grades (A, B, C, D, F, IE, and GE) at Florida State University into the total number of quality points assigned.

Effective Spring Quarter, 1971, the University instituted a "forgiveness" policy for undergraduate students which permitted said students to repeat grades of "D" and "F" in order to improve their level of performance (g.p.a.); the last attempt only is computed in the average.

Effective Spring Quarter, 1974, the University instituted a "forgiveness" policy for graduate students which permitted said students to repeat grades of "C" or below in order to improve their level of performance (g.p.a.). This option could be exercised for no more than two courses and only once for any particular course.

Effective Fall Quarter, 1980, both undergraduate and graduate students were also limited to two repeats under the forgiveness policy for the purpose of improving the g.p.a.

Effective Summer 2003, the College of Medicine instituted grades of Honors Medicine (HM), 4.00 q.p. and Pass Medicine (PM), 3.00 q.p.

Effective Fall 2004, the forgiveness policy was discontinued.

Effective Fall 2022, the College of Law quality points are assigned to grades as follows: A+: 4.33 q.p.; A: 4.00 q.p.; A-: 3.67 q.p.; B+: 3.33 q.p.; B: 3.00 q.p.; B-: 2.67 q.p.; C+: 2.33 q.p.; C: 2.00 q.p.; C-: 1.67 q.p.; D+: 1.33 q.p.; D: 1.00 q.p.; D-: 0.67 q.p.; F: 0.00 q.p.

Effective Summer 2023, the College of Medicine instituted a grade of High Pass Medicine (HP), 3.50 q.p.

### Forgiveness Policy Indicators: (course type)

T	- Repeated (initial attempt)
R	- Repeated (last attempt)

### COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM

Effective September, 1978, prefixes and numbers appear according to the Common Course Number designations implemented by the State Department of Education. The first digit of the 4-digit number represents the level of the course (0, introductory, college prep: 1, 2 lower level; 3, 4 upper level; 5, 6 graduate level: 7, 8, 9 graduate and professional) and is assigned by Florida State University. The second digit represents the major subclassification of the discipline, i.e., 0, introductory, entry level course; 9, miscellaneous general categories such as thesis and seminars. The third and fourth digits are used for indicating level of complexity and for sequencing. The outside indicator "L" means that the course is a laboratory course, the "C" means that the course is a combination of lecture and laboratory.

### EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC RECORD CODE

Below is a list of the most common course indicators (RP) and grading bases (GB) represented on FSU Official Transcripts.

For a comprehensive list of all course indicators and grade bases, please visit <http://registrar.fsu.edu/records/transcripts/codes/>.

Description of Codes (indicated in RP column)			
D	- Course duplicated by other work	P	- Credit approved toward Graduate degree
G	- Grade below transferable level	V	- Vocational or technical terminal course
L	- Course below transferable level		- beginning Fall Semester, 1981
M	- Remedial coursework	X	- Coursework taken while on dismissal
N	- Course not applicable towards degree	Y	- Community College courses taken beyond AA degree
DECL	- Test credit duplicated by course	Z	- MAT-1033 Elective Credit
EXCL	- Credit duplicated by other work	REPT	- Course repeated for credit
HSCR	- High school dual enrollment course	SDCL	- Test credit declined by student

Description of Grade Bases (indicated in GB column)			
APX	- Test credit beyond 45 hours	TRN	- Standard transfer grading basis
GRD	- Letter graded (default grade basis)	TRF	- Standard transfer grading basis
GTR	- Grade below transferable level	J4X	- Undergraduate course taken as graduate
HRP	- High school dual enrollment repeated course	JGD	- Undergraduate course taken as graduate
LAW	- Law numeric grading scale	JSU	- Undergraduate course taken as graduate
LTR	- Course below transferable level	VTR	- Vocational course - Non-FSU
MED	- Doctor of Medicine grading scale	XGR	- Non-FSU course taken on academic dismissal
NTR	- Course not applicable to degree	YTR	- Community college course taken beyond AA

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Undergraduate: 120 semester hours minimum for all degrees and a minimum cumulative 2.00 g.p.a. on all college hours attempted.

Graduate: For master's degree, 30 semester hours, minimum, with additional credit, thesis, etc. subject to specific departmental requirements and a minimum cumulative 3.00 g.p.a. on all college hours attempted. For doctoral degrees, completion of 30 semester hours of graduate work or award of the master's degree, after which the student must be continuously enrolled on Florida State University campus or in one of its teaching centers, for a minimum of 24 semester credit hours during one academic year; and a minimum cumulative 3.00 g.p.a. on all college hours attempted.

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