THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

GRADING SYSTEMS

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POLICY

In order to achieve uniform standard and comparability across Thompson Rivers University (TRU), standard letter grading systems shall be established. All final official grades shall be assigned and reported according to this letter grade system.

TRU grading systems are established for the purpose of reporting official course outcomes, and are not intended to limit ways in which an instructor or Open Learning Faculty member may choose to provide feedback to students during a course or program.

To assist with the determination of the appropriate final letter grade, this policy provides a numerical percentage range for each letter grade (except in the case of the Faculty of Law). Each letter grade has a numeric grade point value assigned.

Letter grades do not become official until they appear on the student's transcript. Instructors may notify students of unofficial course grades, but Faculties, Schools and Departments reserve the right to correct or adjust unofficial grades in order to maintain consistent interpretation of the Letter Grade Definitions set out below with the approval of the Associate Vice-President, Research and Graduate Studies or designate.

REGULATIONS

Graduate Programs

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Letter Grade Definitions
A+ A	95 - 100 90 - 94	4.33 4.00	Excellent. First Class Standing.
A- B+	85 - 89 80 - 84	3.67 3.33	Very Good. Second Class Standing.
B	75 - 79	3.00	Satisfactory.
B-	70 - 74	2.67	Marginal Pass. A passing grade indicating marginal performance. Student not likely to succeed in subsequent courses in the subject.
F	0 - 69	0.00	Unsatisfactory. Fail. Knowledge of principles and facts is fragmentary; or student has failed to complete substantive course requirements.

Minimum pass for students in a Graduate Program: A student who receives a B- or lower in two or more courses will be required to withdraw regardless of their grade point average unless the program recommends otherwise. Individual programs may require a higher minimum passing grade.

Undergraduate Academic/Career/Developmental Programs

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Letter Grade Definitions
A+ A A-	90 - 100 85 - 89 80 - 84	4.33 4.00 3.67	Excellent. First Class Standing. Superior Performance showing comprehensive, in-depth understanding of subject matter. Demonstrates initiative and fluency of expression.
B+ B B-	77 - 79 73 - 76 70 - 72	3.33 3.00 2.67	Very Good. Second Class Standing. Clearly above average performance with knowledge of principles and facts generally complete and with no serious deficiencies.
C+ C	65 - 69 60 - 64	2.33 2.00	Satisfactory. Basic understanding with knowledge of principles and facts at least adequate to communicate intelligently in the discipline.

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Letter Grade Definitions
C-	55 - 59	1.67	Pass. Some understanding of principles and facts but with definite deficiencies.
D	50 - 54	1.00	Minimal Pass. A passing grade indicating marginal performance. Student not likely to succeed in subsequent courses in the subject.
F	0 - 49	0.00	Unsatisfactory. Fail. Knowledge of principles and facts is fragmentary; or student has failed to complete substantive course requirements.
DNC		0.00	Did not complete the course, less than 50% of course work completed or mandatory course component(s) not completed. No official withdrawal.

Vocational Trades/Non-Trades Programs

Letter Grade	Numerical Grade	Grade Points	Letter Grade Definitions
A+ A A-	98 - 100 94 - 97 90 - 93	4.33 4.00 3.67	Excellent. First Class Standing. Superior Performance showing comprehensive, in-depth understanding of subject matter. Demonstrates initiative and fluency of expression.
B+ B B-	86 - 89 82 - 85 78 - 81	3.33 3.00 2.67	Very Good. Second Class Standing. Clearly above average performance with knowledge of principles and facts generally complete and with no serious deficiencies.
C+ C	74 - 77 70 - 73	2.33 2.00	Satisfactory Pass. Basic understanding with knowledge of principles and facts at least adequate to communicate intelligently in the discipline, but with definite deficiencies.
F	0 - 69	0.00	Unsatisfactory. Fail. Knowledge of principles and facts is fragmentary; or student has failed to complete substantive course requirements.

Faculty of Law

There are two separate grading patterns in the Faculty of Law. In some courses, the following grades, their grade point average equivalents and letter grade definitions will be allotted:

Grade	Grade Points	Letter Grade Definitions
A+	4.00~~33~~	Outstanding - exceptional performance,
A	4.0	Excellent - superior performance showing
A-	3.70~~67~~	comprehensive understanding of subject matter.
B+	3.30~~3~~	
B	3.0	Good knowledge of subject matter generally complete.
B-	2.70~~67~~	
C+	2.30~~3~~	
C	2.0	Satisfactory - basic understanding of the subject matter.
C-	1.70~~67~~	
D+	1.30~~3~~	
D	1.0	Marginal
F	0.0	Fail - unsatisfactory performance or failure to meet course requirements

~~In some courses, the TRU Faculty of Law uses a CR/D/F system with 'CR' excluded from the calculation of GPA.~~

~~In some courses, approved by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Law, the following grades and their descriptions will be allotted:~~

~~CR   -   Complete~~
~~D   -   Marginal~~
~~F   -   Fail~~

Transcript Notations (all transcripts)

TRANSCRIPT NOTATION	TITLE	DEFINITION/COMMENT
AUD	Audit	No credits granted.
CIP	Course in Progress	Indicates regularly scheduled one semester course is still being completed with final grade to follow.
COM	Complete	Assigned when competency-based work component, practica/work placements or pass/fail courses are completed.
CTN	Continuing	Multiple semester course - course continues into the next semester(s).
DEF	Deferred	Regularly scheduled course work has not been completed but instructor and student agree on completion at a later date. Becomes DNC after 6 weeks.
NCG	No Credit Granted	Used in competency-based courses to indicate course or program standard has not been met.

S	Satisfactory	Credit awarded for assessment of learning acquired outside an accredited post-secondary institution setting (i.e. prior learning assessment).
W	Withdrawal	Withdrawn from course according to established policy. No credit granted
XT	Extension	Course completion date extended
AEG	Aegrotat	A pass standing based on satisfactory term marks but student has been unable to complete all course requirements due to disabling illness or other circumstances. This standing is awarded, only if, the course instructor and the Dean agree that the student has demonstrated the capacity to deal with course
CR	Credit Granted	Credit awarded for assessment of learning in some Faculty of Law courses. Excluded from the GPA calculation