Grade Table
Grades are officially recorded by letters, evaluated as follows.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Letter Grade</th>
<th>Numerical Equivalent</th>
<th>Explanation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>4.000</td>
<td>Outstanding achievement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A–</td>
<td>3.667</td>
<td></td>
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<td>B+</td>
<td>3.333</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>3.000</td>
<td>Good achievement</td>
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<td>B–</td>
<td>2.667</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C+</td>
<td>2.333</td>
<td>Satisfactory achievement</td>
</tr>
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<td>C</td>
<td>2.000</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C–</td>
<td>1.667</td>
<td>Undergraduate only</td>
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<td>D+</td>
<td>1.333</td>
<td>Undergraduate only</td>
</tr>
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<td>D</td>
<td>1.000</td>
<td>Poor achievement</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D–</td>
<td>0.667</td>
<td>Undergraduate only</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>0.000</td>
<td>Failure</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td></td>
<td>In progress</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>IP</td>
<td></td>
<td>Not enrolled</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NE</td>
<td></td>
<td>Grade not reported by faculty</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NG</td>
<td></td>
<td>Satisfactory (pass/fail basis; counts toward total degree requirements)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S</td>
<td></td>
<td>Unsatisfactory (pass/fail basis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U</td>
<td></td>
<td>Incomplete (pass/fail basis)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>X</td>
<td></td>
<td>Audit (no credit given)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T</td>
<td></td>
<td>Transfer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>W</td>
<td></td>
<td>Course withdrawal</td>
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An I, IP, or X grade shows that the student has not completed the course requirements.

The IP grade 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 grade-point average. If the IP grade is never changed, the course does not count toward graduation requirements.

Northeastern University Course Numbering

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<th>Course Number Range</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>0001-0999</td>
<td>Orientation and basic</td>
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<td>No degree credit</td>
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UNDERGRADUATE

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<th>Course Number Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>1000–1999</td>
<td>Introductory level (first year)</td>
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<td>Survey, foundation, and introductory courses, normally with no prerequisites and designed primarily for students with no prior background</td>
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<tr>
<td>2000–2999</td>
<td>Intermediate level (sophomore/junior year)</td>
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<td>Normally designed for sophomores and above but in some cases open to freshman majors in the department</td>
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<tr>
<td>3000–3999</td>
<td>Upper-intermediate level (junior year)</td>
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<td>Designed primarily as courses for juniors; prerequisites are normally required, and these courses are prerequisites for advanced courses</td>
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<tr>
<td>4000–4999</td>
<td>Advanced level (senior year)</td>
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<td>Designed primarily for juniors and seniors; also includes specialized courses such as research, capstone, and thesis</td>
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GRADUATE

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<th>Course Number Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>5000–5999</td>
<td>First-level graduate</td>
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<td>Courses primarily for graduate students and qualified undergraduate students with permission</td>
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<tr>
<td>6000–6999</td>
<td>Second-level graduate</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Generally for master’s and clinical doctorate only</td>
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<tr>
<td>7000–7999</td>
<td>Third-level graduate</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Master’s- and doctoral-level courses; includes master’s thesis</td>
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<tr>
<td>8000–8999</td>
<td>Clinical/research/readings</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Includes comprehensive exam preparation</td>
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<tr>
<td>9000–9999</td>
<td>Doctoral research and dissertation</td>
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Clearing an Incomplete or Changing Other Grades

The period for clearing an incomplete grade or for changing a grade other than an incomplete or failure (F or U) is restricted to one calendar year from the date it is first recorded on the student’s permanent record. An incomplete grade may be reported by the instructor when a student has failed to complete a major component of a required course, such as homework, a quiz or final examination, a term paper, or a laboratory project. Students may make up an incomplete grade by satisfying the requirements of the instructor or, if the instructor is absent, the chair of the department. Be aware that instructors’ policies on the granting of incomplete grades may vary and that the final decision on an incomplete grade is up to the instructor.

To request an incomplete grade, the student must obtain and complete in consultation with the instructor an Incomplete-Grade Contract (http://
www.northeastern.edu/registrar/form-inc-grade.pdf) on which the
precise agreement for clearing an incomplete grade is specified and
which is signed by the student and the instructor. Copies of the form
are kept by the student, the instructor, and the Office of the Dean of the
college in which the course is offered. Any exception to this policy on
change of grades must be recommended by the Academic Standing
Committee (ASC) of the college in which the course was offered and must
be forwarded in writing by the ASC to the registrar for implementation.
(Finishing the agreed-upon course work must be completed within one
calendar year from the end of the term in which the course was offered.)

University policy states that any grade outstanding for 12 or more
months cannot be changed. Any exception to this policy on change of
grades must be recommended by the ASC of the college in which the
course was offered and must be forwarded in writing by the dean to the
Office of the Registrar for implementation.

**Repeating Courses**

When the appropriate course is available, students may repeat a course
to earn a better grade. In all cases, the most recent grade earned in a
course is the one used in calculating the overall grade-point average;
however, previous grades remain on the transcript followed by the word
“Repeat.” Consult your academic advisor before repeating a course.

Students are required to pay normal tuition for all repeated course work.

**Substituting Courses**

In some cases, it may not be possible to repeat 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
grade-point average calculation as a “repeat” grade, as described above.
The original grade will remain on the student’s Northeastern 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 course work.

**Clearing an Academic Deficiency**

An academic deficiency occurs when a student fails to complete a course
with a satisfactory grade. The deficiency may occur because the student
has failed the course or because the student has passed the course but
with a grade that does not meet the minimum required by the student’s
program.

Students who have academic deficiencies may be required to clear them
before progressing within the curriculum, especially if a given course is a
prerequisite for future course work. Deficiencies may affect the student’s
expected year of graduation.

With the approval of the appropriate program faculty and/or academic
advisor, students can clear deficiencies in the following ways:

1. Repeat the same course at one of Northeastern’s colleges, which will
   result in a “repeat” grade (see “Repeating Courses” policy above).
2. Substitute a comparable course at one of Northeastern’s colleges,
   which will result in a “repeat” grade (see “Substituting Courses” policy
   above).
3. Under special circumstances, if the course is not currently offered
   at Northeastern University, a student may be advised to take a
   preapproved course at another institution outside Northeastern
   University. The original grade will remain on the student’s
   Northeastern transcript and will still be used in the calculation of the
   grade-point average.

**Appeal of Final Grades**

Under certain circumstances, students have the right to appeal final
grades given by either academic faculty or cooperative education
 coordinators. Criteria and procedures for such appeals can be
found on p. 1 of the Undergraduate Student Handbook (http://
www.northeastern.edu/osccr/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-2020-
UGHandbook.pdf) or on the appeals policies and procedures page
(http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/academic-policies-
procedures/appeals/) within the graduate portion of the university
catalog.

**Grade-Point Average (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:

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Grade</th>
<th>Numerical Equivalent</th>
<th>Semester Hours</th>
<th>Weight</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>3.000</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>4.000</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.

**Grade Reports**

Grades are available to students approximately three days after
the end of each term via the myNortheastern web portal (http://
www.myneu.neu.edu). A missing grade means that none was received
from the instructor. Grades received late from faculty are processed as
they are received.

**Transcripts**

Currently enrolled students may obtain unofficial transcripts from the
myNortheastern web portal (http://www.myneu.neu.edu) and may also
order official transcripts through myNortheastern. For further information
on transcript requests, visit the transcript request webpage (http://
www.northeastern.edu/registrar/trans_request.html). All questions
concerning transcript requests should be directed to 617.373.2300,
TTY 617.373.5360

**Full-Time Status**

*Note: Full-time status may be defined differently for federal loan
purposes.*

A graduate student is considered a full-time student if enrolled in a
minimum of 8 semester/quarter hours of credit for the semester with the
following considerations:

- Students who hold stipended graduate assistantships will be
  considered full-time if enrolled for a minimum of 6 semester hours of
  credit.
- Students for whom English is a second language, at the discretion of
  their departments, will be considered full-time if they are enrolled in a
  minimum of 8 semester hours or three courses, whichever is less.
• Students holding Dean's scholarships, Diversity fellowships, Double Husky awards, or being supported by Graduate Student Scholarships (GSSs) will be considered full-time if they are enrolled in a minimum of 8 semester hours.
• Students enrolled in Dissertation or Continuation are considered full-time.
• International students enrolled in graduate programs at Northeastern University must consult with the Office of Global Services (OGS) (http://www.northeastern.edu/ogs/) on all matters regarding the maintenance of full-time status.

Overload Conditions for Graduate Assistants
Graduate assistants are expected to devote full-time effort to their studies and the duties of their award.

They are not permitted to hold any other job during the term of their assistantship; however, they may be offered limited extra work on campus. Graduate assistants who are not on F-1 or J-1 visas can be offered overload work that does not exceed an average of 6 hours a week or 90 hours a semester, for a total of 270 hours a year (or three semesters). As part of this work, graduate assistants may be hired to teach one 3-semester-hour course as an overload during the year (180 hours). The hours worked during the weeks between semesters are included in this total.

The OGS issues and verifies on-campus work authorization to eligible students in nonimmigrant visa classifications. Due to federal regulations, international graduate assistants cannot be offered overload work. All international students must acquire the appropriate work authorization from the OGS, 405 EII Hall, prior to engaging each and every time in any form of employment.

Dropping Courses
Not attending class does not constitute withdrawal. Students receiving a grade of W or NE in any course are responsible for the costs associated with that course. Students must drop courses using processes described below.

IN FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS
• Through the third week of the semester, students may withdraw without any grade being posted to the transcript. Courses may be dropped via the myNortheastern web portal (http://myneu.neu.edu/cp/home/displaylogin/).
• Between the fourth week and the last day of classes, course withdrawals are indicated by a W on the student's record. Courses may be dropped via the myNortheastern web portal (http://myneu.neu.edu/cp/home/displaylogin/). No financial adjustment is made for courses receiving a W grade.
• After the last day of classes, no withdrawals are accepted for any reason. A letter grade for the course will be posted on the transcript.
• Dropping below full-time enrollment may affect financial aid.

Pass/Fail System
The individual schools and colleges state how and when the pass/fail system may be used.

Audit Policy
Full-time graduate students may, with permission, audit one class per term with no additional charge. Students are permitted to petition from the end of the course-add period to the end of the third week of classes. Permission is based on the availability of a seat in the class and is at the discretion of the instructor and college.

Students must obtain advisor approval and meet the prerequisites and any other required approvals for the class. Instructor permission as well as approval by the associate dean of the college offering the course is required. The course work required is at the discretion of the instructor. Once a student opts to audit a course, the audit status of the course cannot be changed. A signed Petition to Audit must be presented to the Office of the Registrar during the designated audit-add period. Excluded courses are co-op, labs, language courses, any off-campus course, any online course, and any course required for the major or degree. Audits carry no academic credit.

Minimum Cumulative GPA
Grades submitted to satisfy, in whole or in part, the requirements for any graduate degree or certificate of advanced study must yield a cumulative GPA of 3.000 or higher. This requirement may be supplemented by additional restrictions established by the graduate program or the college's graduate office such as, but not limited to, the maximum number of individual courses with grades below 3.000 that may be obtained without being required to withdraw or a minimum GPA in each semester.

Students falling below 3.000 are placed on academic probation. If the student remains on academic probation for two semesters, he or she may be terminated from the graduate program.

Not more than two courses or 6 semester hours of credit, whichever is greater, may be repeated to satisfy the requirements for the degree. The last grade earned in each of these repeated courses is counted in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.

Any incomplete grades must be made up within one calendar year from the semester in which the student took the class that resulted in the incomplete course grade.

More information regarding course grading and academic disputes may be found at “Academic Appeals” under “Appeals Policies and Procedures.”

Maintenance of Student Records
The university registrar is responsible for ensuring appropriate maintenance and safekeeping of student records. The transcript, which is stored electronically and maintained indefinitely, is the holistic record of student attendance and degree progress. In the event that the university discontinues operations, the archive of student records would be maintained by:

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education
One Ashburton Place
Room 1401

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• After the last day of classes, no withdrawals are accepted for any reason. A letter grade for the course will be posted on the transcript.
• Dropping below full-time enrollment may affect financial aid.
Course Cancellations
Northeastern University reserves the right to cancel any course if minimum enrollments, appropriate faculty, or academic facilities do not meet standards.