**CREDITS & GRADING**

**Grading System**
The following grading system is standardized for all colleges and schools of the university. Each instructor is responsible for determining the requirements for a class, determining the grading scale used, and for assigning grades on the basis of those requirements and grading scale.

**Standard Grade Points per Hour of Credit**

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<th>Grade</th>
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**Grade Symbols**

- **I**: incomplete; changed to F if not completed within one year
- **IP**: in progress; thesis at the graduate level or specified graduate-level courses
- **P**: passing; under the pass/fail option, grades of D- and above convert to a P. Other specified courses may also be graded on a pass/fail basis.
- **NC**: no credit
- **W**: withdrew
- *******: class grades were not submitted when final grades were processed, or the student is currently enrolled in the course.

**Explanation of an I (Incomplete) Grade**

An I grade indicates that the student did not complete the requirements for the course by the end of the grading period for that semester. If the student does not complete the course requirements within one year, the I grade is converted to an F. When a final grade has been assigned, the transcript states, "Originally graded as Incomplete."

Requests for incomplete grades must be initiated by the student when, for reasons beyond his or her control, the student is unable to complete the course requirements. A substantial amount of work must have been satisfactorily completed before approval for such a grade is given.

If an instructor grants a request for an incomplete, the instructor sets the conditions under which the course work can be completed and the time limit for its completion or if the course should be retaken. If a course is retaken, it must be completed on the Boulder campus or in Boulder evening classes, and the student must re-register for the course and pay the appropriate tuition.

The initial grade of I is not removed from the transcript if the course is retaken.

**Grade Point Average**
The overall University of Colorado grade point average (GPA) is computed as follows: the credit hours and credit points are totaled for all courses; then the total credit points are divided by the total credit hours. Courses with grade symbols of P, NC, *** (grade not yet entered), W, I and IP are excluded from calculations. All standard letter grades (A-F) are included in the GPA, including grades of F earned for courses graded on a pass/fail basis. Grades of I that are not completed within one year are converted to F grades and calculated in the GPA at the end of the one-year grace period. Below is example GPA calculation for a hypothetical semester:

- Grade Earned: A; Credit Points per Hour: 4.0; x Credit Hours: 4.0 = Credit Points in Course: 16.0
- Grade Earned: A-; Credit Points per Hour: 3.7; x Credit Hours: 4.0 = Credit Points in Course: 14.8
- Grade Earned: B+; Credit Points per Hour: 3.3; x Credit Hours: 4.0 = Credit Points in Course: 13.2
- Grade Earned: P; Credit Points per Hour: 0; x Credit Hours: 3.0 = Credit Points in Course: 0

Total of 15 credit hours with 44 credit points, so 44/15 = 2.93 GPA

For individual GPA calculations related to academic standing and graduation from a college or school, students should refer to their academic dean’s office.

**Credit/No Credit**

Students who wish to take course work for no credit must indicate this at the time they register for classes. Changes in credit registration are not permitted after the drop/add deadline in the summer or after the third Friday of the semester in the fall and spring. Tuition is the same whether or not credit is received in a class.

**Pass/Fail (P/F)**

Students should refer to the college and school sections of this catalog to determine the number of pass/fail credit hours that may be taken in a given semester or credited toward a bachelor’s degree. Exceptions to the pass/fail regulations are permitted for certain courses that are offered only on a pass/fail basis.

Changes to or from a pass/fail basis are not permitted after the third Friday of the semester in the fall and spring or after the drop/add deadline in the summer. Prior to that date, students wishing to change a class’s grading status from graded to pass/fail can do so in the MyCUInfo portal by first clicking on the "Register for Classes Add, Drop or Swap".
Class" link on the "Academics / Schedule" tab. Then students can click on the "edit" option under the "Enroll" menu.

Grades of D- and above are considered passing grades. P grades do not affect student GPAs.

**Variable Credit**

Select courses, such as independent study courses, are offered as variable credit. Students should consult their academic advisor and designate the number of credit hours they wish to receive for the class at the time of registration.