

Boston University
Office of the University Registrar

Institutional Policies Affecting the Transcript Evaluation:

Grading System

LETTER GRADE	HONOR POINTS	EXPLANATION
A	4.0	
A-	3.7	
B+	3.3	
B	3.0	
B-	2.7	
C+	2.3	
C	2.0	
C-	1.7	
D	1.0	
F	0.0	
AU	Not Applicable	Audit, no credit
CR	Not Applicable	Credit, course acceptable for degree
NC	Not Applicable	No credit, course not acceptable for degree
H	Not Applicable	Honors
P	Not Applicable	Pass
P*	Not Applicable	Pass, P/F course
F*	Not Applicable	Fail, P/F course

Incomplete Coursework is Shown by the Following Symbols:

I	Incomplete coursework
J	Registration in the same or continuing course necessary to complete requirements
W	Student withdrew from course
MG	Missing grade; grade not assigned
X	Unresolved status (instituted May 1986)

School of Social Work; Prior to the fall 1981 semester, all subjects graded P/F/W or I basis.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

The GPA is computed by dividing the number of grade points earned by the number of credits attempted. The following grade symbols are not given grade points, and work recorded with any of these symbols is not used in the calculation of grade point averages: AU, CR, NC, H, P, P*, W, MG and X. I grades are not computed until additional work is fulfilled and an appropriate letter grade assigned. The grades and credits of all repeated courses are calculated in the GPA. J grades are not computed until the required work in the same or continuing course is completed; at that time, the total credits for the course are computed in the GPA on the basis of the last grading date.

Spring 2020

The spring 2020 semester was disrupted beginning in March, 2020 by the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, an additional grading basis of Credit (CR)/No Credit (NC) was implemented for spring 2020, and applied to courses if selected by the student. Courses graded Credit (CR) satisfy all degree requirements for undergraduate degree programs. A grade of CR reflects a D or better. For graduate degree programs, a CR grade satisfies all degree requirements. For detailed information pertaining to graduate programs, visit bu.edu/reg.

Numbering of Courses

000-099	non-degree, no credit or general undergraduate
100-199	general undergraduate
200-299	intermediate undergraduate
300-499	advanced undergraduate
500-599	advanced undergraduate and/or graduate level
600-799	general graduate
800-899	advanced graduate
900-999	graduate directed study and research

School Name Changes

CAS	The College of Arts & Sciences was the College of Liberal Arts (CLA).
CFA	The College of Fine Arts was the School for the Arts (SFA).
CGS	The College of General Studies was the College of Basic Studies (CBS).
COM	The College of Communication was the School of Public Communication (SPC).
QST	The Questrom School of Business was the School of Management (SMG) and the Graduate School of Management (GSM).
SED	The Wheelock School of Education & Human Development was the School of Education.

Academic Calendar

The academic year is divided into fall and spring semesters of approximately 15 weeks each and two 6-week summer sessions. Certain programs and courses do not follow the University's standard academic calendar.

Accreditation

Boston University as a whole is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education, one of six nationally recognized accrediting agencies. Various schools and colleges within the University are accredited by other agencies as listed in the official University Bulletin.

Transcript Requests

Official transcripts are issued only to other institutions, agencies, and employers at the written request of the student. They bear date of issue, signature of a responsible University official, and the Boston University academic seal.