Micro 301- Grading System

The grade you receive in the course will be based on a pre-set scale that relates the percentage of points you earn to a numerical grade. In other words, your grade is related to an absolute standard rather than a curve in which a certain percentage of students receive a high grade and a certain percentage fail.

The 100% level in the scale is not the total possible points, but the <u>average of the total points earned by the top 5% of undergraduates</u> in the course. For example, if the top undergraduates average 178 out of a total of 190 points during the quarter, then 178 points will be set as the 100% level. This step serves to adjust the number of points relative to the difficulty of the exams.

In determining the numerical grade the table below will be used as follows: Students scoring greater than or equal to 98% of the 100% mark will receive a grade of 4.0. A score of 50% of this total is required to pass the course and will receive a grade of 0.7. A score of less than 50% is considered failing and receives a grade of 0.0. As shown in the table below, scores falling between 50% (0.7) and 98% (4.0) are awarded grades according to a regular, incremental scale.

Equivalence Between the Percentage Achieved and the Numerical Grade

Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade	Percentage	Grade
≥ 98	4.0	≥ 80 < 81.5	2.8	≥ 62 < 63.5	1.6
≥ 96.5 < 98	3.9	≥ 78.5 < 80	2.7	≥ 60.5 < 62	1.5
≥ 95 < 96.5	3.8	≥ 77 < 78.5	2.6	≥ 59 < 60.5	1.4
≥93.5 < 95	3.7	≥ 75.5 < 77	2.5	≥ 57.5 < 59	1.3
≥92 < 93.5	3.6	≥ 74 < 75.5	2.4	≥ 56 < 57.5	1.2
≥90.5 < 92	3.5	≥ 72.5 < 74	2.3	≥ 54.5 < 56	1.1
≥ 89 < 90.5	3.4	≥ 71 < 72.5	2.2	≥ 53 < 54.5	1.0
≥ 87.5 < 89	3.3	≥ 69.5 < 71	2.1	≥ 51.5 < 53	0.9
≥ 86 < 87.5	3.2	≥ 68 < 69.5	2.0	≥ 50.1 < 51.5	0.8
≥ 84.5 < 86	3.1	≥ 66.5 < 68	1.9	≥ 50.0 < 50.1	0.7
≥ 83 < 84.5	3.0	≥ 65 < 66.5	1.8	<50	0.0
≥ 81.5 < 83	2.9	≥ 63.5 < 65	1.7		