

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL ENGINEERING

Grading Guidelines

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The Department of Civil Engineering at Florida Atlantic University strives to produce graduates capable of being superior engineers and leaders in the profession. In striving for this goal, we expect and require that all of our graduates possess the knowledge and skills necessary to become competent engineers. In order to help insure that all achieve at least to this level we have established the following guidelines for assigning class grades. We also recognize that grades remain the foremost tool for assessing the level to which we have achieved course outcomes, which are ultimately connected to program outcomes. However, grades can only perform this function if they are awarded in a consistent manner and are used to directly measure each student's achievement of course outcomes. The grading scale is shown below, along with qualitative descriptions of the differing levels of achievement.

<i>Grade Qualitative description of achievement</i>	
A A-	Extensive achievement of stated outcomes. Student is capable of working with little supervision in this area and/or pursuing advanced studies in this area of civil engineering.
B+ B B-	Good achievement of stated outcomes. Student is capable of working under moderate supervision in this area of civil engineering.
C+ C	Satisfactory achievement of stated outcomes. Student is capable of working under close supervisor in this area of civil engineering. Minimum grade satisfying civil engineering curriculum requirements.
D+ D D-	Marginal achievement of stated outcomes. Student is not capable of practice in this area of civil engineering. Preparation is not adequate for subsequent courses and grade does not satisfy civil engineering curriculum requirements. Course must be repeated, but student is not allowed to take a subsequent course without having this course as a pre-requisite.
F	Insufficient achievement of stated outcomes. Student is not capable of practice in this area of civil engineering. Course must be repeated and student may not enroll, under any circumstances, for a subsequent course requiring this course as a prerequisite.