

Undergraduate Grade Definitions

The Undergraduate Studies Committee of Academic Council developed descriptions of undergraduate letter grades at the University. Its goal was to develop criteria that would be sufficiently broad to enable application across the University's colleges and schools as well as develop guidelines appropriate for local application.

The Council endorsed the adoption of the following descriptions for undergraduate letter grades:

<u>Letter Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Explanatory Comments</u>
A	Truly Exceptional	work meets or exceeds the highest expectations for the course
A-	Outstanding	superior work in <i>all</i> areas of the course
B+	Very Good	superior work in <i>most</i> areas of the course
B	Good	solid work across the board
B-	More than Acceptable	more than acceptable, but falls short of solid work
C+	Acceptable: Meets <i>All</i> Basic Standards	work meets all of the basic requirements and standards for the course
C	Acceptable: Meets <i>Most</i> Basic Standards	work meets most of the basic requirements and standards in several areas
C-	Acceptable: Meets <i>Some</i> Basic Standards	while acceptable, work falls short of meeting basic standards in several areas
D	Minimally Passing	work just over the threshold of acceptability
F	Failing	unacceptable performance

Note: These “descriptions” and “explanatory comments” are intended to be sufficiently general to apply across the University but obviously have to be “applied” in manners specific to each department.

see <https://www3.nd.edu/~provost/for-current-faculty/academic-council/documents/2008-09AcademicCouncilPolicies.pdf>