

## Motion from the Academic Excellence Committee:

We move that the Senate approve the change to plus-minus grading as it is described on the Undergraduate Council Change of Program form that is attached the agenda, and that the Executive committee of the Senate be commissioned to work with the Provost to shepherd this action through the curriculum approval process.

Passed 30 March, 2006

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL  
Request for Change(s)**

Originating unit requesting change \_\_\_\_\_ TCU Faculty Senate \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Change requested:

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|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course number(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Course prerequisite(s) | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Program title        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course title       | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drop course(s)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Program description  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> | Drop program(s)        | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect: \_\_\_\_\_ Fall 2007 \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriate computer abbreviation if course title is more than 30 spaces: \_\_\_\_\_ N. A. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly summarize the change requested:

Addition of pluses and minuses to the Grading subsection under the section "The Bachelor's Degree" in the Undergraduate Catalog.

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable).

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

See Attached

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Request for Changes

1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?

Faculty desire to add pluses and minuses to grading options so as to more accurately reflect differing levels of student performance.

2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.

We anticipate no changes in program outcomes or assessments.

3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.  
This change will require no additional faculty resources.

4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)?  YES  
If yes, list additional resources needed.  NO

5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).  
To be discussed.

6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.  
N.A.

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Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

## CURRENT CATALOG

**Grading.** The faculty definition of grades, and the point system designed to indicate quality of work, is as follows:

A - Designates exceptional work, 4 points per semester hour.

B - Designates superior work, 3 points per semester hour.

C - Designates satisfactory work, 2 points per semester hour.

D - Designates poor work, 1 point per semester hour.

F - Designates failure, 0 points per semester hour.

P - Passed the course.

NC - No credit awarded for the course.

Non-grade Designators:

I - Designates course has not been completed and a final grade has not been assigned. (The "I" must be removed within first 60 days of the semester immediately following or it is changed to an "F." Any extension must have written approval of the instructor and dean. This policy does not apply to senior honors research papers, graduate thesis or dissertation hours. The student must secure the permit from the Registrar's Office and take it to the instructor before offering work of any kind toward making up the "I" grade.)

Q - Removed from the course by an academic dean.

W - Officially withdrew from the course.

AU - Officially audited the course.

Pass/No Credit. Undergraduate students may elect a pass/no credit grading option. They may do so by indicating their choice in writing to the office of the Registrar not later than the date listed in the academic calendar for electing the pass/no credit grading option. Courses taken on a pass/no credit basis are graded "P" (pass) and "NC" (no credit). These P/NC courses are not counted in computing the student's grade point average. A "P" course, however, will carry credit hours and be used toward a student's total hours required for graduation. A "P" indicates achievement equivalent to "A," "B" or "C." Achievement equivalent to a "D" or "F" results in the grade of "NC." Students earn no credit hours in courses in which the grade of "NC" is received.

Before using this option, the student should be aware that some majors and degree programs may limit the applicability of courses graded on a P/NC basis. Courses that are offered only with the P/NC grade will be accepted for meeting requirements in a major or degree program and financial aid eligibility. Furthermore, courses offered only with the P/NC grade will not be counted toward a limit on the number P/NC hours that may be applied to a major or degree program. The student should also check on the acceptability of P/NC grades by any honor societies or graduate schools in which the student may be interested. The P/NC option is not allowed in any English as a Foreign Language (ENFL) course. Any questions or exceptions concerning the P/NC option should be directed to the dean of the college of the student's major.

## PROPOSED CHANGES

**Grading.** The faculty definition of grades, and the point system designed to indicate quality of work, is as follows:

A 4.00 – Excellent

A- 3.67

B+ 3.33

B 3.00 – Good

B- 2.67

C+ 2.33

C 2.00 – Satisfactory

C- 1.67

D+ 1.33

D 1.00 – Poor

D - 0.67

F 0.00 – Failing

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