

GRADING SYSTEM

Grade Symbol	Description	Quality Points
A	High quality graduate work	4
B	Satisfactory graduate work	3
C	Acceptable graduate work (cumulative grade average must be at least 3.000). Some departments will not consider a "C" as an acceptable grade.	2
D	Unacceptable graduate work ¹	1
I	Incomplete (becomes an "F" if not completed by faculty deadline. If no earlier deadline is set by the professor, all incompletes must be completed within 12 months, except for thesis and dissertation, or they will be changed to an "F".)	0
ID	Incomplete (used for dissertation). Does not automatically convert to an "F."	0
IT	Incomplete (used for thesis). Does not automatically convert to an "F."	0
F	Failure ¹	0
W	Withdrawal	0
P	Passing (In all programs except Physical Therapy, this is equivalent to a letter grade of "C" or better. In Physical Therapy, it is equivalent to a "B" or better.)	0
X	No grade given (becomes an "F" if not removed by the end of the student's next semester of enrollment)	0

¹ Credits earned with less than a "C" grade cannot be accepted as satisfying any of the requirements for the master's degree.

These grade symbols are translated into grade points as follows: each semester hour of credit with a grade of A counts four grade points; B, three points; C, two points; D, one point. Degree candidates must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0*. Credits earned with less than a "C" grade cannot be accepted as satisfying any

of the requirements for the master's degree*. Some departments will not consider a "C" as an acceptable grade. Grades earned in all graduate courses taken at Slippery Rock University are used in the calculation of grade point average.

The formula for grade point calculation is as follows:

GPA = grade points earned divided by number of semester hours attempted. Graduate courses in which a letter grade of "C" or less was earned on the first attempt may be repeated. No course may be repeated more than once. Permission to repeat a course shall be granted with the approval of both the adviser and the graduate coordinator of the student's program. A student may repeat a total of two courses during the six-year statute of limitations, and any repeat must occur within the six-year statute of limitations.

Any extensions of the time limit shall not entitle the student additional repeats. Course repeats in Physical Therapy are permitted only with approval of the Dean of the College of Health, Engineering and Science. When a student repeats a course, only the grade earned on the most recent attempt is used in the GPA calculation. A grade of "I" is not a permanent grade. An incomplete grade for a course must be removed whenever the professor requires it, but no longer than within one calendar year, and an incomplete grade for thesis (IT) and dissertation (ID) must be removed within the six-year statute of limitations. Unless the instructor has submitted a change of grade prior to the expiration of the specified time limit, the grade of "I" will automatically be converted to a grade of "F". Grades of "IT" for thesis and ID for dissertation will remain an "IT" or "ID" until the requirements are met and a grade change has been submitted.