

## **Grades and Grade Point Averages (GPA's)** **College of Arts & Letters; Natural Sciences & Mathematics**

Grade point averages (GPA's) are calculated at the end of each semester and appear on a student's transcript accessible on MyUT Web Portal or at the Records Office. For each semester of enrollment the transcript lists the GPA for the semester as well as the cumulative GPA for all work attempted at UT through that semester. Minimum GPA's are required for good academic standing, scholastic honors and distinctions, and for meeting various academic performance standards in majors and minors, the University Core requirements, and the UT cumulative GPA.

With the exception of grades in Math 0910-0990 and some SKLS courses, all grades A through F are assigned grade values used in the calculation of GPA's. All other grades (PS, NC, IN, W, PR) are not used in GPA calculations. Earned hours **do** include any credits graded Pass (PS).

GPA requirements for graduation may vary by college, major, and/or program. While these GPA's vary, none is less than 2.0. The university requires that students achieve a 2.0 average in courses used to fulfill the UT Core. The grades for all major and minor courses taken at another institution as well as grades in transferred courses used to meet the UT Core requirements are figured into GPA calculations for those requirements.

It is important to understand that early in an academic career, a student can notably boost a cumulative GPA with one semester of good grades. After a student has attempted many credit hours, the same good grades will have much less impact on the student's cumulative GPA.

### **Certain grades require that a student take specific action:**

**PS/NC (Pass/No credit)** Some classes have optional P/NC grading. Generally courses in the major or related fields cannot be taken P/NC. **Ask your adviser or check the UT Catalog. Electing P/NC grading requires that you submit a signed form in the Tri-College Student Services Office (UH 3000) by the add/drop deadline. P/NC grading cannot be rescinded after that date.** Grade of C or better will be posted as PS; C- or lower will be posted as NC. Neither P nor NC affects the GPA.

**W (Withdrawal)** Student formally withdraws from a class by the end of the tenth week by **submitting a signed form at the Records Office**. Grade of W is posted to the transcript. **Instructors cannot withdraw students. If you stop attending, YOU MUST WITHDRAW YOURSELF before the deadline to avoid being graded by the instructor.**

**PR (Progress)** Student has independent study or special project in progress at the end of a semester. **A student cannot be graduated if one or more PR grades remain on the transcript.** PR grades do not affect GPA.

**IN (Incomplete)** An instructor assigns an IN when unexpected conditions prevent the student from completing requirements of the course within the term of enrollment. This grade is **not** given for failure to attend. The IN grade does not affect GPA. **DO NOT re-register in a future term for a course in which you earn an Incomplete. Instead, check with instructor to determine what must be done to complete the course requirements and the deadline for completion of the work.** IN is automatically changed to F if a grade is not submitted by the end of the semester following the term in which the IN was assigned. A one-semester extension requires instructor's and assistant dean's approval.

**F (Failure)** If you get an F for a course, **do not take the next course in a series.** Consult with your adviser about whether or not to retake the course.

**Important: If you did not receive a grade for a course you completed or you believe a grade was posted in error, contact the instructor of the course as soon as possible to discuss the grade.**