

Students are expected to know the rules that govern academic matters. This bulletin presents answers to general questions regarding academic policies. Students with special problems and circumstances should consult the dean or program coordinator of the school that interests them. Responsibility for meeting degree requirements rests upon the student. Each student is expected to be aware of all relevant requirements published in the bulletin under which he/she plans to graduate. The bulletin in force when one first registers is the binding document between the student and the university. However, a student may request permission to meet the requirements of another bulletin in force during his/her years at the university. The student's freedom to choose the bulletin under which he/she will graduate is limited. Undergraduates should see the section "Student's Governing Bulletin" (p. 35). Graduate students should see "Residency Requirements and Time Limits" (p. 51).

ATTENDANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY

The admission of candidates, their remaining as students, their status, the awarding of academic credits, and the granting of degrees are all subject to the ordinary regulatory powers of the university. It reserves the right to cancel, at its discretion, any of these privileges for reasons considered sufficient by the administration.

School deans reserve the right to review their students' grades periodically. Together with the faculty, they may also recommend that students performing unsatisfactorily should discontinue their degree programs.

The disciplinary authority of the university president is absolute. The vice presidents, deans, and other officers are responsible for specific cases and in restricted areas.

CHANGES IN BULLETIN REQUIREMENTS

The provisions of this bulletin are not to be regarded as an irrevocable contract between the student and the university. The university reserves the right to change any provision or requirement at any time within the student's term of residence. All regulations adopted and published by the Board of Trustees or the faculty after publication of this bulletin have the same force as those published here.

REGISTRATION

Students should plan to register during the days assigned to registration on the official academic calendar. Registration is not official until all parts of the registration process have been completed, including financial arrangements.

Orientation for First-year Students. Students attending Andrews for the first time are expected to participate in orientation activities held approximately one week before Fall semester classes begin. All new students will be charged a general, TBT/TT2R9ime a general, TBT/TT2R9imdal, TBT/Toetv'25(a)-gIOt

The tuition charge for an audited course is the same as a course taken for credit. Full-time honors students may audit one course per semester free of charge.

DG—Deferred Grade (including DN). A DG may be given in certain courses recognized to be of such a nature that all the requirements are not likely to be completed within one semester. It may be given for tours, field/clinical experiences, internships, project and independent study courses, courses requiring research, and courses where mastery-level learning is required. The Academic Records Office records a DG only for courses previously recommended by a department and approved by the dean of the appropriate school and/or graduate program committee.

An instructor may designate a time limit for a given course or for a specific situation for the DG to be changed to a letter grade. An instructor may change the DG to a DN—Deferred and Not completable, meaning that the course has not been completed and no longer can be completed because time has run out.

A DG may remain on a student's transcript at graduation if the course does not count toward the degree.

I—Incomplete. An Incomplete (I) indicates that the student's work is incomplete because of illness or unavoidable circumstances and not because of negligence or inferior performance. An I may be given when the instructor and the student agree to terms stated in an Incomplete Contract and signed by both. The I is given to a student and a contract is signed only when the major portion of the work for the course has been completed. The contract states (1) the remaining work to be completed, (2) a plan with timelines for completion of the work, (3) the time limit, and (4) the grade the student will receive if the work is not completed by the agreed-upon time. The signed Incomplete Contract along with the grade sheet is to be filed in the Academic Records Office by the faculty member at the appropriate time.

Ordinarily, an I shall be removed during the following semester. However, an I contracted in the spring semester may be extended to the autumn semester. Any request for an extension of time beyond the contracted time shall be made in writing before the end of the contracted date and approved by the dean of the college/school in which the course is offered. The number of I's on a student's record affects the student's class and workload.

Undergraduate restrictions: Students with 8 credits of Incompletes may not register for more than 12 credits of new courses; for those with 12 or more credits of Incompletes the number of new credits is limited by the dean of the respective college/school. Incompletes must be removed before graduation.

R—Reregistered. Assigned only for designated remedial courses. Students who obtain this grade are required to reregister for the course in question.

S/U—Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory. The grading pattern for lecture and lecture/laboratory courses is A–F. Certain designated courses, such as independent/individual study/readings, independent research, research projects, workshops, seminars, field/clinical experiences, and practica may be graded with either an S/U or A–F pattern as the college/school decides. When more than one grading pattern is possible, the determination of which pattern shall be used for a given class shall be made at the beginning of the class. Completed theses/dissertations (except for undergraduate theses) are always graded on an S/U basis. Grading patterns may not be mixed within a given course for any grading period except for independent study courses, as in next paragraph. An S means, for an undergraduate, that a C (2.00) or higher has been earned; for a graduate, a B (3.00) or higher. The letter grade U signifies unsatisfactory performance. Credit is earned only if an

S is received. No quality points are assigned S/U courses and an S/U notation does not affect the GPA.

By definition, independent/individual study/reading/research courses imply potentially a different set of purposes, goals, objectives, activities and outcomes for each student. They are not intended to serve as a substitute for a required class or for canceled classes, and they must have an evaluation plan. All students taking one of these courses with the same acronym, course number and section number under the same instructor are typically listed on the same grade sheet, and therefore mixing grading patterns for these courses in a given term is permitted.

W—Withdrawal. Withdrawal is recorded when a student withdraws within the date limitations indicated by the academic calendar. Under certain circumstances the institution may initiate the withdrawal.

Repeating Classes. Students may repeat a course in which they receive an unsatisfactory grade. In such a case, the record of the first attempt is not erased. However, in the case of undergraduate students only, the credits and quality points earned in the course with the higher grade are used to calculate the GPA. In the case of graduate students the course may be repeated once. The credits and quality points earned in the most recent course will be used to calculate the GPA. Course grades may be replaced only by grades for course work repeated on campus. When a course with a laboratory is repeated, the laboratory part also must be repeated.

In sequence-type courses (course numbers ending in 1, 2, or 3) a student who earns an F for one semester automatically must repeat that course before being permitted to enroll or remain enrolled in courses that follow in that sequence. A student who earns a D in such a course should counsel with the teacher as to the wisdom of continuing the course.

Factors Influencing Grades. Several factors are used to compute the final grade in a particular course. These include such items as scores in oral or written examinations, quizzes, practical and written projects, papers, reports, laboratory experience, skill demonstration, clinical performance, and class attendance/participation. The teacher selects the grading components for a given course according to the nature of that course. The course outline (syllabus) clearly outlines how the students' final grades shall be figured.

Grade Reports. No hard copies of grades are mailed to students because they can view and print their grades via the web. Students who want a parent or organization to receive a printed grade report may request this via the web or at the Academic Records Office.

TRANSCRIPTS

The Academic Records Office issues transcripts of the student's academic record upon written request by the student. Requests should reach the Academic Records Office at least ten days before the transcripts are needed. (For restrictions, costs and exceptions, see the Financial section of this bulletin.)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Examinations. Credit is not granted in courses unless the required examinations are completed by the student. Students are expected to follow the published examination schedule. In cases where the schedule requires a student to complete four exams in one day, arrangements may be made with the dean to complete one of the examinations at another time.

Class Attendance. Regular attendance at all classes, laboratories, and other academic appointments is required of each student. Faculty members are expected to keep regular attendance records. The syllabus notifies students of the attendance requirements.

Teacher Tardiness. Teachers have the responsibility of getting to class on time. If a teacher is detained and will be late, the teacher must send a message to the class with directions. If after 10 minutes no message has been received, students may leave without penalty. If teacher tardiness persists, students have the right to notify the department chair, or if the teacher is the department chair, to notify the dean.

Class Absences. Whenever the number of absences exceeds 20% (10% for graduate classes) of the total course appointments, the teacher may give a failing grade. Merely being absent from campus does not exempt the student from this policy. Absences recorded because of late registration, suspension, and early/late vacation

