

GRADING SYSTEM AND QUALITY POINTS

Effective May 21, 2012

Legend	Grade	Grade Points
Superior	A+	4.00
	A	4.00
	A-	3.67
Very Good	B+	3.33
	B	3.00
	B-	2.67
Average	C+	2.33
	C	2.00
	C-	1.67
Passable	D+	1.33
	D	1.00
	D-	0.67
Failure	F	0.00
Pass	P	
Incomplete	I	
Audit	N	
Withdrawal	W	
Satisfactory	S	
Unsatisfactory	U	

The grade of Incomplete (I) indicates there is still a possibility of credit, after further work. It is used when the instructor is not prepared to give a definite mark for the term in view either of student illness or some justifiable delay in the completion of certain work. It is not used when failure to meet course requirements is due to delinquency on the part of the student.

The preferred method for a student to request a grade of Incomplete from an instructor is for the student to complete the online "Request for Grade of Incomplete" form located at MyNU which is electronically sent to the instructor. The online request requires the student to state why he/she is requesting the Incomplete, provide documentation to support his/her request, and outline the reasons and terms of the extension. The granting of incomplete grades is at the discretion of the instructor and not subject to appeal. Should the instructor agree to a grade of Incomplete, he or she will approve the requirements and deadline for completing the coursework. The recommended deadline for completing the coursework is 30 days after the beginning of the next regular semester.

It is the responsibility of the student to initiate removal of the incomplete grade. If the student fails to complete the required coursework by the specified deadline, the incomplete grade will automatically become an F. If an incomplete grade is still not reconciled one semester after the Incomplete was assigned, the grade will convert to an "F" (manual process). The F may be changed at the faculty member's discretion.

Repeat Course Policy

A student can use this policy to repeat a course taken at Niagara University that he/she has:

1. Failed and not received credit
2. Previously passed and earned credit

In either case, under this policy, the student is limited to receiving credit for up to 6 repeated courses in the calculation of his/her cumulative GPA. The grade received for the second attempt of the course — for up to six courses — will be calculated in the student's cumulative GPA regardless of whether the grade is better or worse than the original grade earned, not including W's.

If a student wishes to repeat a course for which he/she has already passed and received credit, the student must consult with Financial Aid to discuss possible financial aid implications. In most cases, a course for which a student has already received credit cannot be used to satisfy full time status requirements. In most cases, a student must be enrolled in twelve or more "new" credit attempts in order to receive funding for the repeat of a course for which he/she has already received credit.

A student may repeat any course taken at Niagara University, including courses which the student completed before the new Repeat Course Policy became effective (May 2012). The repeated course must be repeated at Niagara University and must be the same course as the one taken the first time even if it is a Special Topics course. The grade change can only be processed (calculated in the student's cumulative GPA) after the course has been completed a second time.

Please consult the complete policy on myNU.

Quality Point Average (QPA)

To determine a student's quality point average, consider each course taken at Niagara University for which the student has received A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D- or F. Convert this letter grade to the corresponding quality points given in the preceding chart. For each course, multiply the number of quality points by the number of semester hours assigned to that course. (Number of semester hours are indicated at the end of the course descriptions in this catalog.) Compute the quality point average by adding these products and dividing by the total number of semester hours for which a student received grades of A+ to F.

Courses for which a student received I, W, N, S, U or R are not computed in the QPA.

Good Standing

Students are considered to be in good academic standing as long as they are permitted by their dean to remain in school matriculated toward a degree.