# NCHU Guidelines for Grading Students' Academic Performance 

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Article 1 NCHU Guidelines for Grading Students' Academic Performance have been established to promote learning and ensure a fair and just grading system.

Article 2 Regular courses are graded both by letter grades and in percentages. Teachers will type in grades in percentages while the grading system will convert automatically the numerical grades to letter grades according to the Letter Grades to Numerical Grades Conversion Table. Regular course grades are given in percentage with a full score being 100 points. The passing score is 60 points for undergraduates and students enrolled in extension programs, and 70 for graduate students.

For certain subjects, teachers may give students a pass or fail mark instead of numerical grade when it is necessary.

Letter Grades to Numerical Grades Conversion Table is as follows:

| Letter <br> Grade | GPA | Numerical <br> Grade |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| A+ | 4.3 | $90 \sim 100$ |
| A | 4.0 | $85 \sim 89$ |
| A- | 3.7 | $80 \sim 84$ |
| B+ | 3.3 | $77 \sim 79$ |
| B | 3.0 | $73 \sim 76$ |
| B- | 2.7 | $70 \sim 72$ |
| C+ | 2.3 | $67 \sim 69$ |
| C | 2.0 | $63 \sim 66$ |
| C- | 1.7 | $60 \sim 62$ |
| F | 0 | 59 and below |

Article 2 Individual class rankings for students are calculated in percentiles. Rankings of undergraduate students are calculated by class. Rankings of super seniors in their

Section 1 final semester are calculated with that of seniors while their rankings of each semester remain the same. Graduate students in the second year of study and above will not be included in the calculation because each of them has different areas of specialization.

Article 3 Should a student fail to attain a passing score for a compulsory course, he or she must repeat the course. No make-up exam will be given for any failed courses.

Article 4 A final course grade consists of scores for the final exam and a student's overall performance. Semester grade point average is the sum of grade points divided by the sum of credits accumulated in the semester. Graduation grade is the sum of grade points divided by the sum of cumulative credit points from beginning to date.

Courses withdrawal will be marked as "W" (WITHHOLD) on the applicants' official transcripts. Credits for withdrawn course(s) will not be included in the total credits of the semester.

Article 5 The score for overall performance encompasses items including attendance, quizzes, projects, assignments, research, in-class discussions, and mid-term. Course instructor may designate the percentage for individual items at their own discretion.

Article 6 In general, the score for final exam and the score for overall performance each contributes 50\% toward the final course grade.

Article 7 For courses requiring internship, the scores for final exam, overall performance and internship grade should each contribute roughly $30 \%$ toward the course grades. If a student lacks any of the aforementioned scores without a valid reason for remedial action, the course instructor shall proceed to calculate the course grade accordingly and submit the result to the Registrar's Office.

Article 8 To promote optimal learning outcomes, grading for individual courses must take into account the overall attitude and performance of the class as a whole and conduct assessment in a serious manner.
The average class score of a general education courses shall not exceed 80 .
Article 9 Regular course grades are due for online grade registration within one week after the final exam. In exceptional cases, instructors may assign 'zero’ as a temporary grade of "incomplete" (I) to the course.

If the instructor fails to submit a real grade, the Office of Registrar's will send a notification to the instructor and his/her director of the department. In the event that any grade is left blank or is still an "incomplete" (I) after 4 weeks of the examination, a zero grade will be assigned to the course after reviewed and approved by subsequent administrative procedures and class rank will be assigned to students.

Any event that the instructors continuing to miss grade submission deadlines albeit
reminders shall be recorded and taken as a reference for faculty evaluation.
Article 10 Students enrolled in undergraduate programs, extension education programs and master's programs who fail to attain a passing score for semester grade points may face potential expulsion pursuant to regulations of the University.

Article 11 No changes to grades can be made after submission to the Office of Academic Affairs. Should any modifications be called due to errors or omissions of the course instructor, the instructor must provide a statement and upload it for online approval by the department/institute by the first and second level of division of the department offering the course and the director of the Office of the Academic Affairs. All changes should be completed within 4 weeks after the final exam.

If any situation or procedure were to be changed, or in case of special circumstances, the procedure to follow is the described above.

Article 12 These Guidelines have been implemented after approval by the Academic Affairs Meeting. Subsequent amendments shall undergo the same procedure.

