

# Grading Systems

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The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

### Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade can not be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

### CompetencyBasedGradingSystem(NonGPA)

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

## Grade Point Average (GPA)

This grading system, based on nine possible grades, was implemented for the first time in September 1990. For example:

Course	Credit	Letter Grade	Grade Points	Grade Points X Credit
1	3	A-	7	7 x 3 = 21
2	3	B+	6	6 x 3 = 18
3	4	C+	3	3 x 4 = 12
4	2	A	8	8 x 2 = 16
5	3	C	2	2 x 3 = 6
	15			73

GPA is 73 divided by 15 = 4.87

**Note:** Students who accumulated their grades prior to September 1, 1990, will have their grade point averages based on this nine (9) point system when transcripts are requested.

Courses that have not been assigned a credit value will not be used in GPA calculations.

## Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	Incomplete: A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family. Course requirements must be completed and a grade change submitted within six weeks of the "I" grade being assigned or the "I" grade will convert to an "F". Extensions to this six (6) week period will only be considered for exceptional reasons and will require written approval of the Dean.
IP	In Progress: An IP grade assigned for courses that, due to design, may require further enrolment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. For these courses, a final grade will be assigned to either the third course attempt or at the point of course completion. (The "IP" grade will convert to a final grade of "NC" if an alternative grade is not assigned within the specified time limitation for a specific course. If an "IP" grade is registered for a third consecutive term, an "NC" will be issued.)
CW	Compulsory Withdrawal: A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied, and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

**Note:** A 'CW' grade can only be assigned by a Dean who must immediately notify the Vice President of Education and Student Services in writing. A 'CW' grade is appealable through the Student Appeals Policy immediately upon issuance, as it will automatically convert to a final grade of "F" or "NC" at the end of the academic term in which it was assigned.

## Student Record and Transcript Notations

Notations are placed on a student's record to indicate a status or standing and provide additional information to the student and the College. The notations do not impact a student's GPA.

Notation	Description
AUD	Audit
NS	No Show: Students who do not attend the first class meeting of a course and who do not contact the instructor within two working days following the first class with a satisfactory explanation for their absence will be assigned a "NS" grade and their seat will be forfeited.
W	Withdrawal: The student has officially withdrawn. Students who do not withdraw prior to official published deadlines and fail to successfully complete the course will be assigned a failing grade.