



Cornell University
College of Veterinary Medicine

GRADING POLICY

Students will be evaluated at the end of each foundation and distribution course and awarded a grade which will represent the composite of the grades from each component of the evaluation process, as determined by the course leader. Course faculty have the prerogative not to use the full range of the grading scale depending on the course objectives, course content and the nature of assessment methods used.

Established Cornell University guidelines for each of the letter grades are:

96-100=A+	73-75= C
93-95= A	70-72= C-
90-92= A-	66-69= D+
86-89= B+	63-65= D
83-85= B	60-62= D-
80-82= B-	59-lower=F
76-79= C+	

For each course, students may choose to be notified of their grades by the faculty member responsible for the course by using one of two grading options, the letter grading option (A,B,C,D, or F) or the S/U grading option.

The Letter Grade Reporting Option: Letter grades (A,B,C,D or F) will be provided to the student. Examinations will be corrected and returned with errors and omissions noted.

The S/U Grade Reporting Option: All grades will be reported to the student as Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory; with Satisfactory=C- and above, and Unsatisfactory= D+ to F. On examinations, errors and omissions by students will be indicated, but the letter grade (A,B,C,D or F) will not be reported to the student.

For either option, steps will be taken to ensure the complete confidentiality of individual students' work and results.

A grade of incomplete is designated by INC. The grade R is given at the end of the first term of a year-long course. The student is responsible for re-enrolling in the following term in any course for which a grade of R is received. The grades of INC and R do not have quality points attached. A grade may be changed only if the instructor made an error in calculating the original grade.

Course faculty will complete their grading procedure and submit all grades to the Office of Student and Academic Services within one week of the conclusion of the course.

Incomplete Grades

An incomplete is appropriate only when a student has substantial equity in a course but is unable to complete course requirements on time because of circumstances beyond the student's control, for example, accident or illness.

The course requirements or alternatives acceptable to the instructor must be completed within one year or by the end of the next scheduled offering of the course and before graduation. The instructor has the option of setting an earlier time limit.

Upon completion of the course requirements or expiration of the make-up period, the instructor will submit a grade for the course. If the requirements are not fulfilled within the specified time, a grade of F will be recorded.

It is the responsibility of the student to see that all grades of incomplete are made up within one year (or have met an earlier deadline if one has been set by the faculty member) and that the grade has been properly recorded with the college registrar.

In making their report to the faculty, Class Teachers Committees will indicate which students are being recommended for advancement with incompletes and the proposed timetable for completion. If, after the make-up period has ended, the student's term grades include two or more D's or any F's, the same Class Teachers Committee will reconvene to review the student's performance and make recommendations to the faculty in accordance with existing academic policies.

Auditing Courses

The university does not permit veterinary medical students to audit courses.