

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #170, November 8, 2010:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to specify that students must earn a minimum grade of 'C-'(1.7) in all baccalaureate core ('X') classes in order to satisfy core requirements. However, there may be additional constraints on the grade, e.g., minimum of C (2.0) if to be used as a prerequisite for another course.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2011

RATIONALE: A grade of D+, D, and especially D- means that a student has learned very little from a class. A grade higher than the minimum needed to pass is required for core classes. Under the proposed system, a student who receives a grade less than C- in a core class receives course credit, but not core credit. This will also align UA internal course transfers better with transfers of credit from outside of the UA system. Currently, a course from outside the UA system will only transfer to the UA system if a grade of C- or higher is received.

 8 November 2010
President, UAF Faculty Senate Date

APPROVAL: 
Chancellor's Office

DATE: 4 Feb 2011

DISAPPROVED: _____
Chancellor's Office

DATE: _____

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Suggested revised page for catalog (page 47)

Grade	Definition and academic implications	Grade Points
A+	Superior performance: awarded to a small fraction of students in any class	4.0
A	Excellent: indicates originality and independent work & a thorough mastery of subject	4.0
A-	Very Good: nearly complete mastery of subject	3.7
B+	Good to very good: considerable competence in the subject matter	3.3
B	Good: ability above the average level of performance	3.0
B-	Good to Fair: some—but incomplete—mastery of the subject matter	2.7
C+	Satisfactory to Fair: satisfactory level of performance, with some mastery of material	2.3
C	Average: satisfactory level of performance and level of competency in the subject. A minimum grade of C (2.0) is required for all prerequisite and major courses.	2.0
C-	Barely satisfactory: <u>Minimum</u> grade required for all Core (X) Courses. A grade of C- (1.7) in a class which is a prerequisite for another class or in a class required for a student's major will result in the student being required to re-take the class. A C- may affect athletic eligibility and academic standing, as a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.	1.7
D+	Fair to poor level of competency in the subject matter. A grade of D+ in a core (X) class will automatically require the student to re-take the class to receive core credit.	1.3
D	Below Average: poor level of competency in the subject matter. Receiving this grade will automatically require the student to re-take the class to receive core credit.	1.0
D-	Far below average: the lowest passing grade and one for which core classes will need to be re-taken.	0.7
F	Failure: insufficient mastery of the subject matter. Grade will be counted in the student's GPA calculation but no course credit is received.	0.0

Computing your GPA

Course	Credits	Grade	Credits x Grade points per credit	= Grade points
BIOL F111X	4	A-	4 cr x 3.7 pts	14.8
COMM F131X	3	C	3 cr x 2.0 pts	6.0
ENGL F111X	3	C-	3 cr x 1.7 pts	5.1
MATH F107X	4	B	4 cr x 3 pts	12.0
HIST F131	3	F	3 cr x 0 pts	0.0
Total	16			37.9
			37.9 grade pts / 16 credits =	2.37 GPA

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ENGL F111X	3	C	3 cr x 2.0 pts	6.0
MATH F107X	4	C-	4 cr x 1.7 pts	6.8
HIST F131	3	C	3 cr x 2.0 pts	6.0
Total	16			31.6
			31.6 grade pts / 16 credits =	1.98 GPA

Note the effect of the C- grades in the second example. The cumulative GPA is now 1.98 which is below "good standing" and will affect athletic eligibility. The student will be placed on probation if their cumulative GPA is now also below 2.0. In addition, because MATH F107X and BIOL F111X are prerequisites for other courses, the C- grades (1.7) are considered not passing and the student must repeat these courses.