

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #189, March 4, 2013:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend grading policy concerning the grade of C, such that C- (1.7) shall be the minimum acceptable grade that baccalaureate students may receive for courses to count toward the major or minor degree requirements, or as a prerequisite for another course.

EFFECTIVE: Fall 2013

RATIONALE:

1. Consistency with the past. Before +/- grades, a 'C-' was acceptable because a 'C-' was simply a version of C
2. Consistency with faculty who do not use +/- grades. A student who receives a 'C-' from a faculty member who does not use + is ok because that grade gets recorded as a 'C'. Same course, different teacher, this one does use + and the grade is not acceptable.
3. Consistency with BOR policies. BOR defines a C as an acceptable grade. Clearly a 'C-', which is a version of C, also should be acceptable.
4. Consistency with transfer policies: a course with a grade of C- transfers. However, currently it only transfers as 'credit' for a course in one's major or minor. In order to satisfy the requirement for the major or minor the course would need to be re-taken and a grade of C or higher received.
5. A grade of C- is the minimum acceptable for a 'core' course. This is confusing for students, who recognize that sometimes a C- is good enough, and sometimes not.

Note that the proposed change wouldn't change the fact that a student's overall GPA and GPA in the major must be a minimum of 2.0.



 President, UAF Faculty Senate

APPROVAL: 

 Chancellor's Office

DATE: 5 March 2013

DISAPPROVED: _____
Chancellor's Office

DATE: _____