

The UAF Faculty Senate passed the following at Meeting #191, May 6, 2013:

MOTION:

The UAF Faculty Senate moves to amend the motion passed at Meeting #189 on March 4, 2013, concerning the application of the grading policy for the grade of C, so that it includes all undergraduate students, and is not limited to baccalaureate students.

Bolded CAPS = Additions

[[]] = Deletions

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]]~~ **UNDERGRADUATE** 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.

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APPROVAL: 
Chancellor's Office

DATE: 5/7/13

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Chancellor's Office

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