

Assignments, Examinations, and Grades

Assignments

There are many forms of assessed assignments at Ashoka University. These include (but are not confined to)

- essays
- projects
- in-class writings
- on-line discussion forum contributions
- oral presentations
- quizzes

Examinations

Many but not all courses will have final examinations scheduled for examination week. Whether or not there is an examination, and what form it takes, is at the discretion of the professor.

Grading System

For every course, the student will receive a final letter grade. These grades are calibrated to the GPA quality points. The grid below decodes the lettered grades that will be followed at Ashoka University, and their relationship to the GPA Quality points. The percentage scores that will earn these grades will be decided by the individual faculty.

| Percent | Letter Grade | GPA Quality Points |
|----------|--------------|--------------------|
| 90 – 100 | A | 4.0 |
| 85 – 89 | A- | 3.7 |
| 80 – 84 | B+ | 3.3 |
| 75 – 79 | B | 3.0 |
| 70 – 74 | B- | 2.7 |
| 65 – 69 | C+ | 2.3 |
| 60 – 64 | C | 2.0 |
| 55 – 59 | C- | 1.7 |
| 50 – 54 | D+ | 1.3 |
| 45 – 49 | D | 1.0 |
| 40 – 44 | D- | 0.7 |
| < 40 | F | 0 |

What Grades Mean

- **A, A-** Excellent quality and full mastery of the subject. A grade of A means extraordinary distinction.
- **B+, B, B-** good comprehension of the course material, a good command of the skills needed to work with the course material, and the student's full engagement with the course requirements and activities.
- **C+, C, C-** adequate comprehension of the course material and the skills needed to work with the course material. indicates the student has met the basic requirements for completing assigned work and participating in class activities.
- **D+, D, D-** barely satisfactory work indicating minimal command of the course materials and minimal participation in class activities.
- **F** unsatisfactory and unworthy of course credit towards the degree.

There are some other grades that appear on transcripts:

- **I** In exceptional circumstances, a student can petition to take an "Incomplete" for a course if they have not submitted all the required coursework and they have a compelling excuse for not having done so (usually serious illness or a major family emergency). The student must complete a petition for an Incomplete – the form will be available from the Office of Academic Affairs – which will include the reason for the Incomplete together with a list of work that needs to be completed and a clear timeline for completion. The form must be approved also by the course professor. All incomplete work, except in exceptional circumstances, must be turned in within eight weeks of the end of the semester. After the professor has graded the incomplete work, the student's grade will be adjusted accordingly and the "I" will not stay on his or her transcript.
- **W** If a student withdraws from a course during the semester, the course will remain on the student's transcript but a grade of "W" will be entered.
- **WF** Withdraw with Fail is awarded if the student withdraws from the course after the last date for withdrawal. This impacts the GPA in the same way as a Fail grade
- **TR** These are transferred credits of courses that students has taken at another university. Grades earned as TR are not calculated as part of CGPA.

- **LOA** If a student withdraws from the semester after getting sanctioned leave as per University policy LOA (Leave of Absence) is entered against each course enrolled for in the semester.
- **AU** When a student audits a course, the credits become part of that semester's credit load. A student enrolled for official audit may be required to participate in class discussion, do practicum work, submit written work, and take examinations, as determined by the course instructor. If the audit is completed to the satisfaction of the instructor, a grade of AU is entered for the course.

Grade Point Average, or GPA

A student's GPA or Grade Point Average is calculated each semester on the basis of grades for all his/her courses, including Co-Curricular courses. It is the average number of GPA Quality Points achieved per credit of coursework in the semester.

At the end of each semester, on his/her transcript, the student will receive not only a GPA for the semester but also a cumulative GPA score.