

UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA

Supplement to the 2019-2020 January Calendar

This Supplement contains an update to the January 2020 Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Calendar due to COVID-19 and was approved by the Senate Committee on Agenda and Governance on July 8, 2020. The Specific revisions are either underlined (new) or ~~crossed-out~~ (deleted).

Undergraduate

Grading: undergraduate (pages 52 and 53)

Undergraduate Grading Scale			
Passing Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
A+ A A-	9 8 7	90 – 100 85 – 89 80 – 84	An A+, A, or A- is earned by work which is technically superior, shows mastery of the subject matter, and in the case of an A+ offers original insight and/or goes beyond course expectations. Normally achieved by a minority of students.
B+ B B-	6 5 4	77 – 79 73 – 76 70 – 72	A B+, B, or B- is earned by work that indicates a 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. A B+ represents a more complex understanding and/or application of the course material.
C+ C	3 2	65 – 69 60 – 64	A C+ or C is earned by work that indicates an adequate comprehension of the course material and the skills needed to work with the course material and that indicates the student has met the basic requirements for completing assigned work and/or participating in class activities.
D	1	50 – 59	A D is earned by work that indicates minimal command of the course materials and/or minimal participation in class activities that is worthy of course credit toward the degree.
<u>P (COVID19)**</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>This is a student selected grade in courses where the student has earned a minimum grade of 50%. This grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.</u>
COM	Excluded Grade	N/A	Complete (pass). Used only for 0-unit courses and those credit courses designated by the Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings.
CTN	Excluded Grade	N/A	Continuing. Denotes the first half of a full-year course.
Failing Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
E	0	0 – 49	Conditional supplemental. Supplemental examinations are not offered by all departments and the allowable percentage may vary by program (e.g. 35-49). Students will be advised whether supplemental will be offered and if the percentage range varies when

			assessment techniques are announced at the beginning of the course.
F	0	0 – 49	F is earned by work, which after the completion of course requirements, is inadequate and unworthy of course credit towards the degree.
<u>F (COVID19)**</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>This is a student selected grade. An F is earned by work, which after the completion of the course requirements, is inadequate and unworthy of course credit towards the degree. This grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.</u>
N	0	0 – 49	Did not write examination or complete course requirements by the end of term or session; no supplemental.
N/X	Excluded Grade	N/A	Did not complete course requirements by the end of the term; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.
F/X	Excluded Grade	N/A	Unsatisfactory performance. Completed course requirements; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.
Temporary Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
INC	N/A	N/A	Incomplete. Used only for those credit courses designated by the Senate, to be replaced with a final grade by June 1 for Winter Session courses and by October 1 for Summer Session courses. Such courses are identified in the course listings.
DEF	N/A	N/A	Deferred status granted. Used only when deferred status has been granted because of illness, an accident or family affliction. See Deferred Status.
INP	N/A	N/A	In Progress. Used only for courses designated by Senate, to be replaced with a final grade by the end of the next Winter Session except for TIED courses (identified in the Calendar). In TIED courses the INP must be replaced with a final grade by the end of the subsequent term (including Summer Session) or, where a COOP Work Term, or other activity approved by the academic unit, intervenes, within eight months. If a student fails to complete the second course of a TIED course sequence, then the final grade will be N.
CIC	N/A	N/A	Co-op Interrupted Course. See <u>General Regulations: Undergraduate Co-op.</u>
Grade Note			Description
AEG	N/A	N/A	Aegrotat. Transcript notation accompanying a letter grade, assigned where documented illness or similar affliction affected the student's performance or prevented completion of all course work.

WE	N/A	N/A	Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances. The WE registration status will replace a course registration or grade when approved by the Dean following a request for academic concession from a student. This registration status is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages; it will appear on the official transcript.
<u>WE (COVID19)**</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances due to COVID19.</u> The WE registration status will replace a course registration following the receipt of request from a student. This registration status is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages; it will appear on the official transcript, and is paired with a transcript comment that states, "WITHDRAWN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (WE) COVID19" in the January – April 2020 term or for full-year courses spanning September 2019 – April 2020), if selected by the student.

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**UVic offered grading options for the January – April 2020 term (as well as courses spanning September – April), in an effort to help ensure academic quality, support student success, and alleviate stress during COVID-19.

Grading: Law (pages 227 and 228)

Faculty of Law – Grading Scale			
Passing Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
A+ A A-	9 8 7	90 – 100 85 – 89 80 – 84	An A+, A, or A- is earned by work which is technically superior, shows mastery of the subject matter, and in the case of an A+ offers original insight and/or goes beyond course expectations. Normally achieved by a minority of students.
B+ B B-	6 5 4	77 – 79 73 – 76 70 – 72	A B+, B, or B- is earned by work that indicates a 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. A B+ represents a more complex understanding and/or application of the course material.
C+ C	3 2	65 – 69 60 – 64	A C+ or C is earned by work that indicates an adequate comprehension of the course material and the skills needed to work with the course material and that indicates the student has met the basic requirements for completing assigned work and/or participating in class activities.
D	1	50 – 59	A D is earned by work that indicates minimal command of the course materials and/or minimal participation in class activities that is worthy of course credit toward the degree.

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COM	N/A	N/A	Complete (pass). Used only for 0-unit courses and those credit courses designated by the Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings.
CTN	Excluded Grade	N/A	Continuing. Denotes the first half of a full-year course.
Failing Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
F	0	0 – 49	F is earned by work, which after the completion of course requirements, is inadequate and unworthy of course credit towards the degree.
<u>F (COVID19)**</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>This is a student selected grade. An F is earned by work, which after the completion of the course requirements, is inadequate and unworthy of course credit towards the degree. This grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.</u>
N	0	0 – 49	Did not write examination or complete course requirements by the end of term or session; no supplemental. This grade may only be assigned by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.
N/X	Excluded Grade	N/A	Did not complete course requirements by the end of the term; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.
F/X	Excluded Grade	N/A	Unsatisfactory performance. Completed course requirements; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.
Temporary/Grade Note	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
DEF	N/A	N/A	Deferred status granted. Used only when deferred status has been granted because of illness, an accident or family affliction. See Deferred Status. This grade may only be assigned by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.
WE	N/A	N/A	Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances. The WE registration status will replace a course registration or grade when approved by the Dean following a request for academic concession from a student. This registration status is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages; it will appear on the official transcript. This grade may only be assigned by the Associate Dean, Academic and Student Relations.
<u>WE (COVID19)**</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances due to COVID19. The WE registration status will replace a course registration following the receipt of request from a student. This registration status is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages; it will appear on the official transcript, and is paired with a transcript comment that states, "WITHDRAWN</u>

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Graduate

Grading: graduate (pages 42 and 43)

Faculty of Graduate Studies– Grading Scale				
Passing Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description	Achievement of Assignment Objectives
A+	9	90 – 100	Exceptional Work	Technically flawless and original work demonstrating insight, understanding and independent application or extension of course expectations; often publishable.
A	8	85 – 89	Outstanding Work	Demonstrates a very high level of integration of material demonstrating insight, understanding and independent application or extension of course expectations.
A-	7	80 – 84	Excellent Work	Represents a high level of integration, comprehensiveness and complexity, as well as mastery of relevant techniques/concepts.
B+	6	77 – 79	Very good work	Represents a satisfactory level of integration, comprehensiveness, and complexity; demonstrates a sound level of analysis with no major weaknesses.
B	5	73 – 76	Acceptable work that fulfills the expectations of the course	Represents a satisfactory level of integration of key concepts/procedures. However, comprehensiveness or technical skills may be lacking.
B-	4	70 – 72	Unacceptable work revealing some deficiencies in knowledge, understanding or techniques	Represents an unacceptable level of integration, comprehensiveness and complexity. Mastery of some relevant techniques or concepts lacking. Every grade of 4.0 (B-) or lower in a course taken for credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must be reviewed by the supervisory committee of the student and a recommendation made to the Dean of Graduate Studies. Such students will not be allowed to register in the next session until approved to do so by the Dean.
C+	3	65 – 69		
C	2	60 – 64		
D	1	50 – 59		
COM	N/A	N/A	Complete (Pass)	Used only for 0 unit courses and other graduate courses designated by the Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings.
<u>P (COVID19)**</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>This is a student selected grade in courses where the student has earned a minimum grade of 50%. This grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.</u>	<u>Represents an impact to academic performance due to COVID19. As a minimum, the student has met basic requirements for completing assigned work and/or participating in class activities. Any originally assigned grade of 4.0 (B-) or lower is reviewed by the supervisory committee of the student and a recommendation is made to the Dean of Graduate Studies regarding academic progression.</u>

CTN	Excluded Grade	N/A	Continuing	Denotes the first half of a full-year course.
FNC	Excluded Grade	0-100 [†]	For No Credit	Denotes a 100-299 level undergraduate course for no credit in the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

Students in the Faculty of Graduate Studies must achieve a grade point average of at least 5.0 (B) for every session in which they are registered. Individual departments or schools may set higher standards. Students with a sessional or cumulative average below 5.0 will not be allowed to register in the next session until their academic performance has been reviewed by their supervisory committee and continuation in the Faculty of Graduate Studies is approved by the Dean. Some academic units may employ a percentage system for evaluating student's work.

[†]FNC will produce a grade on the transcript

Failing Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
F	0	0 – 49	Failing grade. Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements.
<u>F (COVID19)**</u>	N/A	N/A	<u>This is a student selected grade. Unsatisfactory performance. Wrote final examination and completed course requirements. This grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.</u>
N	0	0 – 49	Did not write examination or otherwise complete course requirements by the end of term or session. This grade is intended to be final.
F/X	Excluded Grade	N/A	Unsatisfactory performance. Completed course requirements; no supplemental. Used only for Co-op work terms and for courses designated by Senate. Such courses are identified in the course listings. The grade is EXCLUDED from the calculation of all grade point averages.
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Temporary Grades	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
INC	N/A	N/A	Incomplete (requires "Request for Extension of Grade" form). Used for those graduate credit courses designated by the Senate and identified in the course listings; also used, with Dean's permission, for those graduate credit courses with regular grading (A to F, including N) which are not complete by the end of the term or session due to exceptional circumstances beyond the control of the instructor or student. INC must be replaced by a final grade not later than the end of the next term.
INP	N/A	N/A	In Progress. Used only for work terms; dissertations; theses; projects; comprehensive examinations and seminars offered on the same basis as dissertations or theses and designated by Senate (identified in the course listings). In the case of work terms, a final grade must replace INP within two months of the end of term. For dissertations, theses, designated seminars, projects and comprehensives, a final grade must replace INP by the end of the program. If the student does not complete the degree requirements within the time limit for the degree, the final grades will be N.
CIC	N/A	N/A	Co-op Interrupted Course. Temporary grade. See General Regulations: Graduate Co-op.
Grade Note	Grade Point Value	Percentage *	Description
WE	N/A	N/A	Withdrawal under extenuating circumstances. The WE registration status will replace a course registration or grade when approved by the Dean following a request for academic concession from a student. This registration status is excluded from the calculation of all grade point averages; it will appear on the official transcript.
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