

Comparative grading FAQs

Q: Why is UVic displaying comparative grading?

A: Comparative grading was implemented in order to provide a fine grained course assessment which will be useful to students particularly in their application to graduate studies and for external scholarships and funding. More information on the change to percentage grading and the addition of comparative grading on transcripts can be found at <http://www.uvic.ca/vpacademic/resources/index.php>

Q. When did comparative grading start to appear on transcripts?


A. Effective 2014 Summer Session, comparative grading displays on UVic transcripts. Comparative grading will not display retroactively for earlier sessions.

Q. What does comparative grading look like on the official transcript?


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Course History at the University of Victoria

SESSION	COURSE	DESCRIPTION	UNIT VALUE	GRADE	GRADE POINT	AWARDED UNITS	NOTE	COMPARATIVE MEAN	COMPARATIVE SIZE
ACADEMIC RECORD FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES EXCLUDING LAW PROGRAMS									
SUMMER 2014									
Summer Session: May - Aug 2014									
SOCIAL SCIENCES B.A.									
	ANTH 100	INTRO TO ANTH	1.5	82% A-	7	1.5		65%	21
	CSC 115	FUNDAMENTAL PROGRAMING:II	1.5	69% C+	3	1.5		68%	12
	CREDIT IN 3.0 UNITS								

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Q. I attended UVic before there was comparative grading. What will my transcript look like?

A. The ‘Comparative Mean and Size’ header will appear on the top of each page of the transcript but the column will be blank for courses in sessions prior to 2014 Summer Session.


Q. What does it mean when there is an N/A under the comparative grading column?

A. N/A is displayed if comparative grading is not available. This may be due to:

- the course abbreviation is LAW
- the class has less than the minimum number of students (six)
- you have a temporary grade
- less than 80% of the class grades have been submitted
- the course is not graded with percentage grades (e.g. COM)

Q. What does comparative grading look like on an administrative transcript?

SUMMER 2014									
Summer Session: May - Aug 2014									
HUMANITIES NON-DEGREE									
NON-DEGREE									
Course	Section	Description	Unit Value	Grade/Status	Grade Point	Awarded Units	Note	Comparative Mean / Size	
ANTH	100	A01	1.50	92% A+	9	1.50		65%	21
ANTH	100	T01	0.00						
EOS	210	A01	1.50	75% B	5	1.50		N/A	
Credit in 3.00 Units									



Class size is fewer than 6, so comparative grading is not available.

Q. Why does it say ‘Mean’ and ‘Size’ below Comparative on the transcripts?

A. The mean is the sum of the values divided by the number of values; therefore, comparative grading refers to the average (mean) for the class and the number of grades in the calculation (size). The mean includes percentage grades only. The average is rounded to a whole number.

Q. Which UVic courses will show comparative grades?

A. Comparative grading data will display on transcripts for classes only at the undergraduate and graduate level that use the standard percentage grading. In addition, at least six (6) students must be registered in the class and at least 80% of the class must be graded.

If your grade is temporary (e.g. DEF), the comparative grading information does not display on your transcript.

Courses with the abbreviation LAW will not show comparative grading.

Q. The number under 'Size' seems much larger than the class that I was in. Why is that?

A. This may be for one of two reasons:

- Sections of the same subject (SUBJ), course number (CRSE), and level (e.g. undergraduate) that share the same location and some of the same time are combined for comparative grading purposes (e.g. EPHE141 A01 – A10)
- Cross-listed courses at the same level (e.g. undergraduate) are combined for the comparative mean and size calculations (e.g. EOS 210/PHYS 210)

Q. I failed a course but was able to write a supplemental exam. Which grade is used in the comparative average (mean)?

A. The original grade is included in the average (mean).

Q. How are temporary grades (e.g. DEF) handled in comparative grading?

A. Temporary grades (e.g. DEF) are not included in comparative grading. For example, a class has 40 students registered - there are thirty three (33) percentage grades, 2 DEFs, and 5 grades not yet in. The mean is calculated from the 33 percentage grades; therefore, the size is 33.

www.uvic.ca/percentagegrading

Questions about the move to percentage grades and comparative grading?

FAQs and background info are available on the [Vice President Academic and Provost website](#).

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