Frequently Asked Questions about Percentage Grades and Comparative Grading at UVic

Starting Summer Session 2014 (term 201405), instructors will submit grades in percentages rather than in letter grades. This change, approved by Senate in May 2013, will move UVic in line with other Canadian post-secondary institutions, and will improve the interpretation of grades at UVic, across Canada and internationally.

- The percentage grade, the corresponding letter grade and comparative grading information will be displayed on the student’s official and administrative transcripts.
- UVic’s 9-point scale will remain as the basis for grade point average calculations and assessment of academic standing.

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Courses taken before May 2014 will appear as letter grades on the transcript and will not show comparative grading.

### Courses taken before May 2014

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<tr>
<th>Course</th>
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Credit in 8.00 Units
Sessional GPA = 6.00 (26 Apr 2013)
In Good Academic Standing (26 Apr 2013)

### Courses taken May 2014 and onwards

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Q. Why did I receive a COM (or F or N grade) for my 2014 Summer course when grading is supposed to be in percentage?
Courses that are not graded using the standard percentage grade system may still include the grades of F or N (e.g. COM, N or F).
See the UVic calendar course descriptions for alternative grading used for evaluation and an explanation of grading abbreviations. Review your course syllabus for details on how your instructor is grading the course.

Q. Will my CAPP report show percentage grades?
No. CAPP reports continue to display the letter grade equivalent of the percentage grades recorded.

Q. The course I want to take has a prerequisite of a B+ in Math 100. What percentage grade do I need in order to take the course?
The percentage scale translates to a grade point and letter grade system. For up-to-date grading scales please see the following links:

Undergraduate grading scale
Graduate grading scale
Law grading scale

You can see your percentage grades and the equivalent letter grades on your administrative transcript.
Q. How is my GPA calculated now that grades are recorded as percentages?
The percentage scale translates to a 9 point system, which is the sole basis for calculation of GPAs (grade point averages), and academic standing. There are several types of GPAs, and details on calculating each type are available on the [Office of the Registrar’s website](#). Here are links to the 3 different grading scales at UVic.

- Undergraduate grading scale
- Graduate grading scale
- Law grading scale

Q. How is comparative grading calculated?
Comparative grading refers to the average (mean) for the class and the number of grades used in the calculation (size). The mean and size are displayed for percentage grades only, and when the class size is six or more. In addition, Law courses will not display comparative grading information. [Read more detailed information in the comparative grading FAQs](#).

N/A is displayed if comparative grading is not available. N/A may be displayed when:
- the student has a temporary grade,
- the student has not received a grade, or
- fewer than 80% of the grades have been submitted.

If multiple sections of a course are offered, those at the same level, meeting together in the same place, for all or part of the time are combined in the comparative grading calculation.

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Credit in 3.00 Units

Class size is fewer than 6, so comparative grading is not available.
Q. What does the N/A refer to in the comparative grading section of the transcript?
N/A is displayed if comparative grading is not available. This may be due to the class having less than the minimum number of students, the student has a temporary grade, the student has not received a grade, or less than 80% of the grades have been submitted. In addition, Law courses will not display comparative grading information.

Q. What if there are only two students in my course? Will comparative grading be available?
No. Comparative grading information will only appear on the transcript for classes graded with percentage grades that have 6 or more registered students. Courses not graded with percentage grades will not show comparative grading information for the section. In addition, Law courses will not display comparative grading information. N/A is displayed if comparative grading is not available.

Q. Why are the mean and size, displayed in the comparative grading section of my transcript, different from the values displayed there yesterday?
Comparative grading is calculated dynamically each time a transcript is produced. Any change(s) to the values used to calculate comparative grading can result in a different mean and/or size being displayed. For example, if one student in the class receives a grade change from their original grade, that will cause the mean to change. Another example is if a student in your class has a temporary grade, it is not included in the calculation of the mean or reflected in the size. When the temporary grade is changed to a final grade, that grade is now included in the calculation of the mean, and the size increases by one. This change in the calculation is reflected in the mean and size values displayed on the transcript.

Do you have questions or concerns about percentage grades and comparative grading?
Feel free to contact staff in the Office of the Registrar:

Undergraduate and Law students – please email records@uvic.ca

Graduate students – please email garo@uvic.ca