

BOARD POLICY**No. 204**

TITLE:	Academic Grading System
DATE ADOPTED:	August 18, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE:	August 18, 2026
SUPERSEDES:	June 16, 2020

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is to set forth and define the academic grading system of the College.

POLICY**Grading System**

The following grades are used on the student's permanent record (transcript) for all college-level courses in which the student is enrolled after the initial registration and at the end of the schedule adjustment period (Drop/Add period): A, B+, B, C+, C, D, F, PS, I, AU, W, AW, and NA. Grades remain on a student's permanent record. They may only be changed by the course instructor following approval by the appropriate Division Dean. Extraordinary circumstances will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Credit Course Grade	Explanation	Grade Points Per Credit Hour (when applicable)
A	Mastery of essential elements and related concepts, plus demonstrated excellence or originality.	4.0
B+	Mastery of essential elements and related concepts, showing higher-level understanding.	3.5
B	Mastery of essential elements and related concepts.	3.0
C+	Above-average knowledge of essential elements and related concepts.	2.5
C	Acceptable knowledge of essential elements and related concepts.	2.0
D	Minimal knowledge of related concepts.	1.0



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F	Unsatisfactory progress. Assignment of "F" grade must include last day of attendance. *This grade may also be assigned in cases of academic misconduct, such as cheating or plagiarism.	0.0
I	Temporarily Incomplete. At the discretion of the instructor, a grade of "I" may be assigned when a student who has completed a minimum of 75% of coursework but cannot complete a requirements of the course during the semester. The grade of "I" is given only by mutual agreement between the Faculty member and the student. The student must complete all grade requirements satisfactorily within 90 calendar days of the end of the term. If this condition is not met, the "I" will automatically become an "F" unless a grade change is submitted.	
PS	Pass (for nursing clinical courses only). The student met the objectives of the course with a grade of 80% or better. This is a non-numerical grade that is not calculated into the student's GPA. Credits will be applied towards graduation requirements	
AU	A grade of audit is awarded to a student for a course that they registered for, but do not wish to accrue credit or grade points.	
W	Denotes withdrawal from a course or courses.	
AW	Denotes an administrative withdrawal due to exceptional circumstances.	
NA	Indicates that a student enrolled, but never attended a course.	



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ESL and Developmental Course Grades

ESL and Developmental Courses (those with numerical designations of less than 100) do not count toward graduation and are not computed into a student's grade point average (GPA). Although no grade points are assigned, developmental courses count toward enrollment status (i.e. full-time, half-time, etc.).

ESL or Developmental Course Grade	Explanation
A*	Outstanding: The student has done clearly superior work.
B*	Advanced comprehension of course objectives.
C* Pass	The student has achieved the objectives of the course and is ready to proceed to the next level.
F*	Unsatisfactory. The student has done unsatisfactory work during the semester. Assignment of "F" grade must include last day of attendance.

****Adopted by Resolution of the RCBC Board of Trustees at its Meeting held August 18, 2026.**

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President

Date:

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Chairman

Date: