Grading

Undergraduate

The grading system consists of 12 categories, as follows: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, and F. A is excellent; B is good; C is satisfactory; D is passing but unsatisfactory; F is failure.

Students who withdraw from a course after the drop/add period will receive a grade of W. The grade of W is not included in the calculation of the grade point average.

Students in the Connell School of Nursing must achieve a grade of C- or higher in nursing courses, or they will be required to retake the course.

With the approval of the Associate Dean of their school or college, students may be permitted to take courses for enrichment. These courses are normally taken in the summer. Courses approved for enrichment only, may, with the approval of the relevant department, go toward fulfilling a Core, major, or minor requirement. However, grades for courses taken for enrichment are not computed into the cumulative average and are not counted toward the total course or credit requirement for graduation.

A student’s cumulative average is comprised of courses taken at Boston College or those courses specifically approved by the Associate Dean. The cumulative average does not include courses accepted in transfer including courses accepted in transfer from the Woods College of Advancing Studies. Information about a course failed remains on the student’s record and 0.0 is still computed into the grade point average even if the course is repeated with a passing grade. The later grade is also computed into the grade point average.

Grades will be posted through your Agora Portal account at the close of each semester. Any student who believes there is a grade discrepancy on a semester grade should resolve the discrepancy within the first six weeks of the following semester.

Graduate

In each graduate course, in which a student is registered for graduate credit, with the exception of those noted below, the student will receive one of the following grades at the end of the semester: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, F, W, J, U, P, or I. The high passing grade of A is awarded for superior work. The passing grade of B is awarded for work that clearly is satisfactory at the graduate level. The low passing grade of C is awarded for work that is minimally acceptable at the graduate level. The failing grade of F is awarded for work that is unsatisfactory.
Students in the Law School may receive grades of C+, C-, and D. The grade of A or A- is awarded for exceptional work which demonstrates a superior level of academic accomplishment in the area of study. The grades of B+, B, and B- are awarded for good work, which demonstrates achievement of a level of academic accomplishment above that expected of a minimally competent graduate of an accredited American law school. The grades of C+ and C are awarded for competent work, which demonstrates achievement of a level of academic accomplishment expected of a minimally competent graduate of an accredited American law school. The grades of C- and D may be awarded for unsatisfactory work, which does not demonstrate achievement of the minimum level of competence expected of any graduate of an accredited American law school, but which demonstrates enough potential for improvement that the student could reasonably be expected to achieve such a level by conscientious study.

In the Graduate School of Social Work doctoral program and the Woods Graduate College of Advancing Studies, graduate credit is granted for courses in which the student receives a grade of A, A-, B+, or B. No degree credit is granted for a course in which a student receives a grade of B- or below.

A pass/fail option is available for a limited number of courses, as stipulated by the School. A U grade is recorded for ungraded courses such as doctoral continuation.

**Grading Scale**

In computing averages, the following numerical equivalents for the twelve (12) letter grades are used:

- A 4.00
- A- 3.67
- B+ 3.33
- B 3.00
- B- 2.67
- C+ 2.33
- C 2.00
- C- 1.67
- D+ 1.33
- D 1.00
- D- .67
- F .00
- P No effect on GPA
- U No effect on GPA