

Proposition: 10-11/12

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Title: A Modification of Proposition 12-10/11A (Fractional Grading) to Restrict Fractional Grading to between C+ and A-

Proposed Committee: Scholastic Affairs 1/31/12

Assigned Committee:

Proposal: We propose a slight modification to Proposition 12-10/11A (The original Prop allowed for fractional grade points for plus or minus grades) to remove fractional grading below C+. This modification to the NMSU grading system would supersede some aspects of the original proposition and result in the following grading scale (see below) for both undergraduate and graduate students. These changes would be implemented starting with the summer 2013 Catalogs and would affect only GPA calculation for grades assigned after its implementation date; courses taken before its implementation date would remain unaffected.

Letter grade	Grade points per unit of credit
A+	4.0
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.3
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	2.0
D+	1.0
D	1.0
D-	1.0
F	0.0

RATIONALE AND HISTORY

Proposition 12-10/11A was passed by Faculty Senate on March 31, 2011, but has not yet been approved by the NMSU Board of Regents. Following several months of working meetings with interested parties, we came up with a compromise that addresses several issues regarding the points assigned to grades below C+:

- 1) Students requiring a 2.0 GPA, but who still obtained “C-range” grades could risk losing scholarships under the Prop. 12-10/11A system. The proposed modification addresses this concern by assigning 2.0 points to C and C- (see above).
- 2) The Faculty senate recently passed Proposition 05-11/12 to modify the language in the undergraduate catalog pertaining to basic skills courses requirements (and other instances where “C or better” is mentioned in the catalog), that would have been affected by the implementation of the Prop. 12-10/11A system. However, ADAC has voted to delay action on Prop 05 until the

Regents first act on Prop 12-1-/11 A. The proposed modification to Prop 12-10/11A obviates the need for Proposition 05-11/12.

3) The grading system produced by this slight modification to Prop 12-10/11 would not be unique to NMSU as it is currently used by Colorado State University, Penn State University, Arizona State University, and others.

Current Text (Undergraduate Catalog)

From Regulations, University Grading System:

The NMSU system of grading is expressed in letters, which carry grade points used in calculating the cumulative grade-point average:

Letter grade	Grade points per unit of credit
A – For excellent work	4
B – For better than average work	3
C – For average work	2
D – For below average work	1
F – For failing work	0
W – Withdrawal	0
N – Grade not submitted	0
CR – Credit authorized, but not letter grade	0
IP– In progress	0
RR – Progress in undergraduate course	0
PR – Progress on graduate thesis	0
S* – Satisfactory work	0
U – Unsatisfactory work	0
I – Incomplete	0
AU – Audit	0

**An S grade is a grade satisfactory to the professor and is normally equivalent to the letter grade of C or higher.*

In computing the overall grade-point average, the total credits in which grades of A, B, C, D, or F have been assigned is divided into the total number of grade points earned.

A course for which only CR, but no letter grade, is given and a course in which an S or PR grade is earned may be counted toward graduation but is not computed in the grade-point average.

Current Text (Graduate Catalog)

From Regulations and Procedures for Students, Grading System, Grades:

The grades awarded in all courses are indicative of the quality of work done. Their significance is as follows:

Letter Grade	Points per Credit
A - For excellent work	4
B - For better than average work	3
C - For average work	2
D - For below average work	1
F - For failing work	0
W - Withdrawal	0
N - no grade	0
CR - Credit authorized but no letter grade	0
IP- In progress	0
RR- Progress in undergraduate course	0
PR- Progress in graduate course	0
S - Satisfactory work	0
U - Unsatisfactory work	0
I - Incomplete	0
AU - audit	0

Distinctions within a letter grade may be indicated by the use of plus or minus, and these will become part of the official record.

Replacement Text for both Undergraduate and Graduate Catalogs:

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B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C - For average work	2.0
C-	2.0
D+	1.0
D - For below average work	1.0
D-	1.0
F - For failing work	0.0
W - Withdrawal	
N - Grade not submitted	
CR - Credit authorized, but not letter grade	
IP - In progress	
RR - Progress in undergraduate course	
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