



Grading System Policy

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Purpose:

In accordance with Executive Order 1037, the California State University Maritime Academy (Cal Maritime) has the responsibility for enforcing academic standards established by the California State University (CSU).

Scope:

This policy applies to all students currently enrolled at Cal Maritime.

Accountability:

The Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs with support of the academic departments and the Office of the Registrar is responsible for administering this policy and ensuring compliance.

Policy:

It is the policy of Cal Maritime to measure the quality of a student's academic work by using the "A" to "F" grading system.

Procedure:

The following symbols will be used in evaluating student performance. In the following definitions, performance may be interpreted to include appropriate participation in the learning experiences provided in the course, as well as formal testing.

A. Letter Grades

Letter Scale

Definition

A+, A, A-	Performance has been of the highest level showing sustained course requirements.
B+, B, B-	Performance has been good.
C+, C, C-	Performance has been adequate, satisfactorily meeting the course requirements.
D+, D, D-	Performance has been less than satisfactory.
F	Performance has been poor, such that course requirements have not been met.
CR	A credit grade equates to a grade of "C" or better (See section B: Grade Explanations); also used for transfer courses.
NC	No credit grade equates to a grade below "C". (See section B: Grade Explanations).
I	Incomplete. Course must be completed by sixth week of the following semester (may be extended in extraordinary cases).
IC	Incomplete Charged. Counts as a failing grade for grade point average computation.
RD	Report Delayed.
RP	Report in Progress
W	Withdrawal after add/drop (for serious and compelling reasons).
WU	Withdrawal Unauthorized. Counts as a failing grade for grade point average computation.

B. Grade Explanations

1. Credit/No Credit Courses:

Some courses are only offered on a credit/no credit basis. Grades of credit or no credit are neutral to the calculation of the students' cumulative grade point average even if the final grade is "No Credit."

2. Credit/No Credit courses required for graduation:

Some courses required for graduation are offered only on a credit/no credit basis. Grades of credit or no credit are neutral to the calculation of the students' cumulative grade point average.

3. Credit/No Credit option:

A credit/no credit grade pattern may be selected by the student for courses for which the "A" to "F" pattern is the norm for the course. No course that meets a student's graduation requirement may be taken on a credit/no credit basis except as described in #2 above. Grades of credit/no credit are neutral to the calculation of the student's cumulative grade point average, even if the final grade is "No Credit."

a. The following rules apply when a student selects CR/NC grading option in section #3 above.

When the course is not normally offered on a CR/NC basis:

- i. The student must submit an application to the Student Records Office, which must be approved by the course instructor and the department chair of the student's major;
- ii. The deadline for applying for CR/NC grading is Friday of the first full week of the semester; and
- iii. Once the application for CR/NC grading has been made, the student may not change the grading option.

b. In the case of remedial courses (EGL 001, Introduction of Composition; EGL 105, English as a Second Language; and MTH 001, Intermediate Algebra), the grade awarded must be on a "A", "B", "C", or "NC" basis. If a student receives a grade lower than a C, a grade of NC will automatically be awarded. Remedial courses carry units of credit that apply to students' unit loads for a given semester but do not apply toward graduation.

4. **Withdrawal Unauthorized (WU)**

A grade of “WU” (equivalent to an “F” grade for cumulative and semester grade point average computation) will be assigned to a student who is enrolled on the census date, does not officially withdraw from a course but fails to complete it or has a significant number of class absences after the fourth week. In courses which are graded Credit/No Credit or in cases where the student has elected Credit/No Credit evaluation, use of the symbol “WU” is inappropriate and “NC” shall be used instead. It is the student’s responsibility to officially withdraw from a course in which he/she has registered yet never attended, or has stopped attending. See AA 03-015 Withdrawal from Course(s) Policy for specific information on withdrawal.

C. Grade Point Average Computation

Grade point averages are determined by dividing the total number of grade points earned by the total number of units attempted in courses in which “A” to “F” grades are assigned. The following grade points are assigned per unit of course work:

A, A+ = 4.0	B- = 2.7	D+ = 1.3
A- = 3.7	C+ = 2.3	D = 1.0
B+ = 3.3	C = 2.0	D- = 0.7
B- = 3.0	C- = 1.7	F/IC/WU = 0.0

D. Units

A semester unit at Cal Maritime assumes a weekly class for a period of 15 weeks. It is the standard quantity used for measurement of college and university work.

1. **Lecture:**

One unit equals one hour of classroom work per week in most classes, predominantly those of lectures or lecture-discussion format. It is generally assumed that a student spends two hours of outside preparation for each hour spent in such classes.

2. **Laboratory:**

In laboratories, typically there are two or three hours a week for each unit, depending on outside lab preparation. In specialized training and performance courses, such as sea training, ship operation and intercollegiate athletics, there are more than three hours per week required per unit.