

CORNELL COLLEGE

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Explanation of Transcripts

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ACCREDITATION: Cornell College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the Iowa State Department of Education, the American Chemical Society, and the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.

COURSE CREDIT: Since September 1963 1.0 credit equals 4 semester hours or 6 quarter hours. Students must earn 31 credits to graduate. Transfer courses not equivalent to specific Cornell College courses are numbered 01X for 100 level, 02X for 200 level, and 03X for a 300 level course. A total of 11 credits must be earned for the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

DEGREES: Cornell College offers five types of Bachelor level degrees. Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre; Bachelor of Music in Music Education or in Music Performance; Bachelor of Science in Engineering; or Bachelor of Special Studies. Cornell College offers one type of Master's level degree. Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR: September 1978 through August 2016 the academic year is called Full and is named by the year in which it begins, including all courses completed between the Fall start date and end of following Spring. Beginning September 2016 the academic calendar is based on the semester system divided into a Fall and a Spring semester.

ONE-COURSE-AT-A-TIME-PLAN: Effective September 1978, Students take one principal course for 3 1/2 weeks, or 18 class days for eight terms (nine terms prior to 2012). All undergraduate students are considered full-time, taking at least 3 credits per term. All MFA program students are considered full-time, taking 1.5 credits per term. No partial credit for a term is awarded; students who receive an incomplete will be considered to have earned no credit unless the incomplete is replaced by a credit per terms of the incomplete status.

COURSE NUMBERING: Courses numbered 100-400= undergraduate courses. Numbered 500 and 700= undergraduate adjunct courses. Adjunct courses are partial-credit (0.25 or 0.5) courses taken over the course of a semester at the same time the student is enrolled in full-credit block long courses. Cornell College is a member of the Acadeum online course sharing platform. Consortial courses are courses taken by the student through a different Acadeum institution that are transcribed as equivalent to the Cornell College course code listed on the transcript and are denoted with a 'C' after the course code. The letter grade given by the Consortial institution does factor in to the Cornell GPA.

GRADING SYSTEM: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, P, S, SD, and CR are passing grades. F, NC, and U denote failure. AU indicates a course audited for no credit. I indicates work of satisfactory quality which is "Incomplete." W signifies withdrawal, and may appear alone, followed by the grade the student has earned at the time of withdrawal (prior to September 1974), by H if for reasons of health or counseling, or by R if by default for non-attendance. IP indicates a course in progress or grade not reported. A repeated course, indicated by 'R' (after the course), or by a grade in brackets [], carries graduation credit only when specified in the course description.

Graduate courses in the Master of Fine Arts program are graded either as Credit (CR) if the instructor certifies that the student has done work of "B" quality (3.0) or better, or as No Credit (NC) if the student fails to achieve the minimum standard.

Effective September 1972

4 point scale used for quality points:

A = 4, A- = 3.7, B+ = 3.3, B = 3, B- = 2.7,
C+ = 2.3, C = 2, C- = 1.7, D+ = 1.3, D = 1, D- = .7, F = 0.
No points are assigned for P, S, U, CR, or NC.

Effective February 1965

4 point scale used for quality points:

A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0. All subsequent grades reflect this change and cumulative averages computed after this date are on the 4 point scale.

Prior to February 1965

3 point scale used for quality points:

A = 3, B = 2, C = 1, D = 0, F = -1.

CRNC CR (Credit) and NC (No Credit) are not a grading option exercised by the student except for courses so designated in the catalogue. CR signifies work of C quality or better, NC, failure.

P/F P (Pass) and F (Failure) were student grading options from September 1968 to May 1970. P was the equivalent of D or higher and was not computed in the grade point average, but F was.

S/U S (Satisfactory) and U (Unsatisfactory) were student grading options between September 1970 and May 1976. S was Equivalent to a C- or higher; U to D+ or lower. Neither grade was computed in the grade point average. This option was reestablished as of the 2013 academic year with S being equivalent to a C or higher and was used until May 2020.

S/SD/NC S/SD/NC is a student grading option that became effective August 2020. When a student has selected this option, a grade of C- or above becomes an S (Satisfactory), a grade of D+, D, or D- becomes an SD (Satisfactory - D), and a grade of F becomes an NC (No Credit). Grades of S and SD ensure credit toward graduation but do not affect grade-point averages. A grade of NC does not confer credit, nor does it affect the grade-point average.

TRCR TRCR denotes transfer credit from another institution.

Pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), as amended, this academic record is sent to you and your staff on the condition that you will not permit any other persons to have access to this information without the written consent of the person whose record this is. If you are unable to comply with this request, please return this record to us immediately.