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GRADING SYSTEM: A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, D-, F, NC, U to D+. 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.

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.

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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.

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