

Grades and Grading

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA)

To remain in good standing, students must maintain a graduate GPA of 3.0. Only courses required by the doctoral program will be counted in the GPA. Undergraduate prerequisites taken after the bachelor's degree will not count toward the doctoral GPA. Students whose GPA falls below 3.0 are subject to University and CNHS PhD Program policies related to warning, probation, and dismissal. Students are advised to refer to the Rules and Regulations section of the FIU Graduate Catalog and this Manual for further information about dismissal.

Course Grades

A grade of "B" or better in all courses is necessary for continuing in the program, given that the cumulative GPA is maintained at 3.0 or better. Credit hours for courses in which the grade is "C" or below will not count toward satisfying graduate degree requirements.

Repeating Nursing Courses and Dismissal

Only one course in the program can be repeated, and that course can be repeated only once. If a student fails the same course twice, he/she will be dismissed from the program.

After successfully completing the repeated course, the student must obtain and submit a Repeated Course form to the Office of the Registrar. While both grades will be included on the student's transcript, only the last grade for the repeated course will be computed into the student's GPA.

Grading Scale

A	93-100%
A-	91-92%
B+	89-90%
B	85-88% PASSING
B-	83-84%
C+	81-82%
C	77-80%
C-	75-76%
D+	73-74%
D	69-72%
D-	67-68%
F/F0	00-66%

Passing

Fzero Grade

Beginning Fall, 2004, the Faculty Senate approved the addition of a course grade of F0 (Fzero). An F0 will be given to students who both earn a failing grade based on course standards and who fail to complete at least 60% of the course requirements

or fail to attend at least 60% of class sessions. An F0 equals zero grade points per credit hour and is a permanent grade.

Incomplete Grade (IN)

An incomplete grade is a temporary symbol given at the discretion of the instructor for work not completed because of serious interruption not caused by the student's own negligence. An incomplete must be made up as quickly as possible, but no later than two semesters or it will automatically default to an "F" or the grade that the student earned in the course. See the ***Graduate Catalog*** for additional policies/procedures related to an incomplete grade.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the faculty member has received the missing materials in a timely fashion and has forwarded the necessary Change of Grade form.

Forgiveness Policy

The forgiveness policy allows students to repeat a limited number of courses to improve their grade point average (GPA). Only the grade received on the last repeat is used in the GPA calculation. Under the University's forgiveness policy, students must file a "Repeated Course" form with the Office of the Registrar. See the Graduate Catalog for additional policies/procedures related to forgiveness.

Final Examinations and Grades

Final examinations will be given during the week following the last day of classes each semester. The summer semesters do not have final examination periods and course examinations may be given at the discretion of the faculty member teaching the course.

Once submitted, end-of-semester grades (except Incompletes and NR's, which default at the end of two terms) are final. They are subject to change only through a Change of Grade form to correct an error in computation or transcribing, or where part of the student's work has been unintentionally overlooked. Final grades are available through the on-campus kiosks, or on the PantherSoft self-service system. See the ***Graduate Catalog*** for additional policies/procedures related to final examinations and grades.

Communicating Grades

Grades can be obtained through FIU's web site. Students will need their Panthercard ID and password to obtain grades. Otherwise, grades are communicated through a procedure designated by the faculty member. Only faculty members are authorized to report grades over the phone.