

The following memorandum was e-mailed to all students on April 17, 2005. A similar letter has also been sent to faculty and academic advisers.

TO: University of Georgia Students  
FROM: Del Dunn, Vice President for Instruction  
RE: Plus-Minus Grading System

The Board of Regents has approved a request from the University of Georgia and Georgia State University to adopt a plus-minus grading system. This change becomes effective for all summer sessions in 2006, including Maymester. The new grading system will be a three-year pilot, which will then be reviewed. The change applies to both undergraduate and graduate courses.

The change applies only to the University of Georgia and Georgia State University in the University System. Many private colleges and universities in Georgia already use a plus-minus grading system. The University Council voted on at least three occasions since the early 1990s for plus-minus grading. The Task Force on General Education and Student Learning also recommended it and noted that most major universities in the country already utilize a plus-minus grading system.

Under this system, letter grades will correspond to the following numerical standard for computing grade point averages on students' transcripts:

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| A.....4.0  | C+.....2.3 |
| A-.....3.7 | C.....2.0  |
| B+.... 3.3 | C-.....1.7 |
| B.....3.0  | D.....1.0  |
| B-.....2.7 | F.....0.0  |

For the purpose of calculating eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship, the existing grading scale (A,B,C,D,F) will be used to determine the grade point average that will be reported to HOPE authorities as is presently the case. There will also be no change in how the Office of Undergraduate Admissions calculates the grade point average for those who apply for admission to the University of Georgia.

For University policies and regulations that state "a grade of C or better is required," a grade of C will be considered a 2.0. This means that for these policies and regulations, a grade of C- will not satisfy the standard. The same is true for rules and regulations that require "a grade of B or better" or "a grade of A." An A- or B- will not satisfy these standards.

The Office of Curriculum Systems is reviewing the *Bulletin* to identify all existing polices which include grade-related requirements. Those who have questions related to the grading system change should check the Q&A Web page at <http://www.bulletin.uga.edu/PlusMinusGradingFAQ.html>. If your question is not answered there, please submit it by e-mail to [bulletin@uga.edu](mailto:bulletin@uga.edu).