

ACADEMIC RECORDS

Grading System

Grades are determined by each instructor based upon an evaluation of all assigned and completed coursework. Course participation, mastery of subject matter, and promise of continuing success in sequential courses in related fields are all criteria used to evaluate progress.

- “A” represents outstanding understanding, application, and integration of subject material and extensive evidence of original thinking, skillful use of concepts, and ability to analyze and solve complex problems. Demonstrates diligent application of Learning Model principles, including initiative in serving other students.
- “B” represents considerable/significant understanding, application, and incorporation of the material that would prepare a student to be successful in next level courses, graduate school, or employment. The student participates in the Learning Model as applied in the course.
- “C” represents sufficient understanding of subject matter. The student demonstrates minimal initiative to be prepared for class. Sequenced courses could be attempted, but mastering new materials might prove challenging. The student participates only marginally in the Learning Model.
- “D” represents poor performance and initiative to learn, understand, and apply course materials. Retaking a course or remediation may be necessary to prepare for additional instruction in this subject matter.
- “F” represents failure in the course.
- “P” represents passing the course and is not calculated into the GPA.
- “W” represents withdrawal from the class and is not calculated into the GPA. However, if the class is dropped during the first 22 calendar days of a semester, or the first 15 calendar days of a block, no annotation will be made on the permanent academic record.
- “UW” represents an unofficial withdrawal which is given to a student who meets the following criteria: Did not complete proper withdrawal procedures; has record of non-attendance that began before the last date to withdraw from individual courses without grade earned; and did not complete any work, tests, or class-related assignments after attendance ceased. The “UW” is calculated into the GPA as a failing grade value. (0.0)
- “I” is a conditional grade. (See “Incomplete Grades.”)
- “NR” represents the grade was not reported by the instructor. A student receiving a “NR” grade should contact the instructor to request that a valid grade be submitted to the Student Records and Registration Office.
- “T” represents a temporary grade that is assigned for courses that do not fall within normal academic deadlines of any given semester (e.g., internships).
- “IP” indicates that the course is in progress.
- “AU” indicates a course taken for audit.

Credit Definitions

- Attempted: The total number of credits in which a student has registered in a term or on a cumulative basis.
- Earned: The total number of credits completed with a progress grade in a term or on a cumulative basis.
- Passed: The total number of credits earned that do not factor into a term or cumulative GPA.
- Quality: The total number of credits earned that factor into a term or cumulative GPA.
- Resident: Credit awarded for a BYU–Idaho course and recorded on the official academic transcript as BYUI-Idaho credit, including online and distance courses.
- Points: The total number of grade points earned in a term or on a cumulative basis.

The following table indicates each grade variant at BYU–Idaho with its equivalent grade points:

One Credit of	Equals Grade Points
A	4.0
A-	3.7
B+	3.4
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.4
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.4
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0.0
UW	0.0
P	*
I	*
IP	*
W	*
NR	*
T	*
AU	**

* Does not affect the GPA calculation, but may impact Satisfactory-Academic progress.

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Grade Changes

After the final grade submission deadline, grades may be changed only for the following reasons:

- No grade was submitted by the deadline.
- A calculation error was made in computing the grade.
- The wrong grade was posted.
- The course work for a T (temporary) grade was completed.
- An Incomplete grade contract was finalized.
- The previous grade was re-evaluated, but no additional work was submitted.

A grade change should not be submitted if a student completes any additional work beyond the end of the term (original T grades excluded). If extenuating circumstances exist, an incomplete grade may be granted if requested before the grade submission deadline.

A submitted grade typically cannot be changed to a W (Official Withdrawal). Students who had a non-academic emergency may file a petition for withdrawal with Student Records and Registration.

In addition to changing a student’s semester and cumulative GPAs, a grade change may also change a student’s total earned credits. A grade change may also positively or negatively impact a student’s academic standing.

Grade change requests may only be submitted by the instructor or an authorized designee via the university’s approved grade change process. Grade change requests older than one year are additionally reviewed by the Associate Vice-President for Curriculum and typically are not approved.

Incomplete Grades

An incomplete grade (“I”) is a conditional grade only granted if all of the following circumstances are met:

1. Extenuating circumstances occurred (e.g., serious illness, pregnancy, personal injury, death in immediate family, etc.) that hindered class work, and occurred after the tenth week of a semester or the fourth week of a block.
2. The student must have a passing grade at the time of petitioning for the incomplete grade. It is not a substitute for a failing grade. Therefore, an incomplete grade cannot be granted if a student is failing a class and wants additional time to submit make-up work in order to improve a grade.
3. The student must be able to complete the remaining work on an individual basis with the instructor. Re-enrollment or attendance in all or part of the same course during a subsequent semester cannot be required as part of the contract. The general length of time to fulfill the requirements of an incomplete contract is one additional semester.
4. Instructor approval is mandatory. Incomplete contracts are granted at the instructor’s discretion.

Repeatable Courses

Repeatable courses allow a class to be taken two or more times for additional credit. Most classes at BYU–Idaho are not repeatable for credit. Repeatable courses are generally designated with an “R” at the end of the course code (ex: BIO 398R). Departments establish the maximum number of credits and times a course can be repeated. A repeated course does not replace the former grade or credit of a previously completed Course, unless the maximum allowable repeats have been exceeded. In such cases the enrollments are treated as a retake. (See “Retake Courses” below.) Approval to enroll in a repeatable course for the purpose of replacing a previous credit and grade must be obtained from the Academic Exceptions Committee prior to registering for the course.

Retake Courses

Retake courses replace the credit and grade of a previously completed equivalent course even if the previous grade was higher. The most recently completed course is calculated into the GPA, earned credits, and degree requirements. Previous courses remain on the transcript and are designated as retake courses and will not fulfill degree requirements.

Students are allowed a maximum of four retakes during their BYU–Idaho experience. (i.e., Course A four times; Course A and B two times each; Course A, B, C, D a total of one time each, etc.) Retakes occur when retaking BYU–Idaho courses previously completed at this University. A retake course replaces both the grade and credits of the previous attempt. However, on the 5th retake, both grades are calculated into the GPA, but only the latest credit count is added in – because a student cannot earn dual credit for the same non-repeatable course.

When a University course is discontinued the opportunity to retake that course is no longer available. Information regarding discontinued courses and their replacement courses, where applicable, is available in the respective academic department sections of the University catalog. Students may contact the Student Records and Registration Office for clarification on discontinued courses before attempting a retake. If a course changes credits between a student’s attempts (1st attempt equals 3 credits, 2nd attempt equals 2 credits), the original GPA and credits (3 credits in this example) are removed, and the subsequent GPA and credits (2 credits) are calculated in. Beyond the 4th attempt, both grades are calculated into the GPA and the latest credits are included.

Exceeding the maximum number of retakes does not prevent students from registering for courses they have previously completed. Retakes impact the term and cumulative calculations on the transcript but do not affect a student’s ability to enroll in a course.

BYU–Idaho courses cannot be replaced by equivalent courses from other institutions. Students should also be aware that this is a BYU–Idaho policy and other institutions are not obligated to honor it.

Special Examination

Permission to earn credit by special examination must be obtained from the applicable Department Chair. Special examinations may require the payment of a fee.

Vertical Credit

Subject to Department Chair approval, students who have earned a grade of “C” or better in a class taken at BYU–Idaho for which there are prerequisite course(s) they have not taken, may be given credit and a “pass” grade for the prerequisite course(s). The Vertical Credit will be applied to the same semester in which the qualifications were met. To apply, students must consult the appropriate Department Chair. If approved, an application may be picked up at the Student Records and Registration Office where a credit fee will be assessed. The fee is \$15 for 0.5 to 3.0 credits, with an additional \$5 per credit thereafter. Although vertical credit counts toward total credit requirements for graduation, no grade is given toward GPA computation.

Academic Renewal

Under certain circumstances, BYU–Idaho allows students to petition for Academic Renewal. If approved, this disregards previous poor academic work, either at BYU–Idaho or elsewhere, from the student’s academic record. Before petitioning for Academic Renewal, the following conditions must be met:

1. A minimum of four years must have elapsed since the most recent coursework to be disregarded was completed;
2. The student must have completed at least one semester at BYU–Idaho as a full-time student (12 credits or more) with a grade point average of at least 2.5 after the most recent coursework to be disregarded was completed;
3. The semester(s) to be considered for Academic Renewal must have a GPA below 2.0.

If Academic Renewal is approved, the permanent academic record is annotated to indicate that no work taken during the disregarded semester(s), even if satisfactory, shall be applied toward graduation requirements or GPA calculation. However, all work remains on the record to ensure a true and accurate academic history. Academic Renewal may impact a student’s retaken courses.

Academic Renewal is applied for all courses in the approved semester(s), including courses with passing grades. It may not be applied for individual courses. Students should also be aware that this is a BYU–Idaho policy and other institutions are not obligated to honor it. Academic Renewal may be applied only once during an academic career at BYU–Idaho. Once approved, Academic Renewal may not be reversed.