



GRADING POLICY

(Effective for Students Entering the College in May 2004 and thereafter)

Grades will be awarded on a scale of 1.5 to 4.3.¹ No academic credit shall be given for a grade below 1.8 or a grade of "Fail." A 2.1 average (the lowest "C" average) will be required for retention and graduation. A numerical grade may be translated into a letter grade for purposes of comparison as follows:

4.3 - 4.2 = A+	2.9 - 2.7 = B-
4.1 - 3.9 = A	2.6 - 2.4 = C+
3.8 - 3.6 = A-	2.3 - 2.1 = C
3.5 - 3.3 = B+	2.0 - 1.8 = D
3.2 - 3.0 = B	1.7 - 1.5 = F

CLASS RANKING

Students are not ranked until they complete their first year of study. Thereafter, rankings are done at the end of every semester and summer session, once all grades are reported. The following system of ranking students by their grade point averages shall be in effect:

- The top ten percent in each class may be informed of their exact rank.
- The grade point averages at the 12.5 percentile and 37.5 percentile will be posted; and
- The above will constitute the entire ranking system.²

Students will be ranked following the fall semester, spring semester and summer session each year. Final class standing will be based on the ranking in September and will include students who completed all graduation requirements in August, May and the previous December. For purposes of ranking underclass students, the same system shall be used based upon the expected date of graduation.

The following information is provided (as of January 2007):

Class of 2009	12.5%	37.5%
	not available until the end of the spring semester	
Class of 2007 (based on 230 students)	3.70	3.41
Class of 2008 (based on 213 students)	3.70	3.43

¹ In Fall 2005, the College adopted a new grading curve, increasing the median grade in a class from 3.0 to 3.3. The change was applied retroactively for the Class of 2007 to raise all grades previously earned by 0.3 points. In a few cases, this change resulted in grades above the top 4.3 grade. The College decided to allow those grades to stay above 4.3 to ensure that the affected students did not lose the benefit of their performances.

² Certain law scholarship recipients are required to maintain a GPA that places them within the top 25 percent of their class. Therefore, some students with a GPA within the posted 12.5 and 37.5 percentile ranges could ascertain whether their GPA is within the top 25 percent of the class.