Other grading policies remain unchanged.

Please see the KU Policy Register by clicking Academic Policies on the Registrar’s Office page of the KU website.

Plus/Minus Grading (+/-)

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
Q. When will the new policy go into effect?
   A. Spring 2011 grades will have the new options for faculty and students.

Q. What are the specifics of the current grading policy?
   A. Available grades with their “quality points” are:
      - A (4.0)
      - B (3.0)
      - C (2.0)
      - D (1.0)
      - F (0.0)

Q. What are the changes to grading options with the new policy?
   A. To the current grades and “quality points”, faculty will have
      new options of
      - A- (3.67)
      - B+ (3.33)
      - B- (2.67)
      - C+ (2.33)

(Please note: There is no A+, C-, D+ or D-.)

Q. Will the new system cause GPAs to go up or down?
   A. Because two plus (+) grade options and two minus (-) grade
      options have been added the new policy should have a neutral
      bias. If for every new plus (+) grade a minus (-) grade as
      assigned, averages would remain unchanged.

Q. Why have plus/minus grading?
   A. It provides more “precise” grading. Where a student might
      have been assigned a C grade before because B-level work
      was not demonstrated, now a C+ or B- may be assigned.

Q. How is a Grade Point Average (GPA) calculated?
   A. The “quality points” of each grade received is multiplied by the
      number of credits for that course. The total of the quality
      points for that semester is then divided by the total number of
      credits for that semester.

**EXAMPLE #1: Fall 2010**

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ACC B 3 quality points X 3 cr. = 9 points
HIS C 2 quality points X 3 cr. = 6 points
HPD D 1 quality point X 1 cr. = 1 point
SPA A 4 quality points X 3 cr. = 12 points
SOC F 0 quality points X 3 cr. = 0 points

Total points (28) / Total credits (13) = 28 ÷ 13 = 2.15 semester GPA

**EXAMPLE #2: Spring 2011**

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ACC B+ 3.33 quality points X 3 cr. = 10.09 points
HIS C 2 quality points X 3 cr. = 6 points
HPD D 1 quality point X 1 cr. = 1 point
SPA A- 3.67 quality points X 3 cr. = 11.01 points
SOC F 0 quality points X 3 cr. = 0 points

Total points (28.1) / Total credits (13) = 28.1 ÷ 13 = 2.16 semester GPA

**EXAMPLE #3: Spring 2011**

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ACC B- 2.67 quality points X 3 cr. = 8.01 points
HIS C 2 quality points X 3 cr. = 6 points
HPD D 1 quality point X 1 cr. = 1 point
SPA B+ 3.33 quality points X 3 cr. = 10.09 points
SOC F 0 quality points X 3 cr. = 0 points

Total points (25.1) / Total credits (13) = 25.1 ÷ 13 = 1.93 semester GPA