Student Policy - Grades

Policy:

Bismarck State College shall establish appropriate rules and regulations for grading students.

Grades:

1. Course work is graded, A, B, C, D, or F. "A" indicates superior, "B" above average, "C" average, "D" below average, and "F" failing with no credit granted.

2. Departments may use a Satisfactory (S) and Unsatisfactory (U) grading system for certain courses or programs provided an appropriate new course request form is submitted.

3. Withdrawal (W) and Audit (AU) are not grades.

4. Incomplete (I) is not a grade, but is assigned as a placeholder for a grade to be awarded at a later date in accordance with BSC Policy—Incomplete Course.

Grade Basis Definitions:

- Audit (AUD) –   Indicates a student is not obligated to complete assignments or take exams and will not receive a grade or college credit. This grade basis will not carry honor points or earned credit and will not count toward the student's degree program.

- Graded (GRD) –This grade basis may carry honor points and earned credit and may count toward the student's degree program. (A, B, C, D, F)

- Grade Forgiveness (FRV) - Indicates that a student has not attended BSC for 4 or more years and requests all earned grades in a selected full semester(s) be excluded from GPA. This grade basis will not carry honor points or earned credit and will not count toward the student's degree program.

- Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory (SUS) – This grade basis will not carry honor points but the Satisfactory (S) courses will count toward the student's degree program. (S, U)

- Pre-College (PRC or PRS) - Indicates the need for college preparation work before enrollment in college level courses. This grade basis will not carry honor points or earned credit and will not count toward the student's degree program.

- Transfer (TRN) -   Indicates coursework that is recorded on a BSC transcript from another regionally accredited post-secondary institution.   This grade basis may carry honor points and earned credit and may count toward the student's degree program.

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