



Office of the Provost and Vice President

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Faculty
 FROM: Gary E. Whitehouse, Provost
 DATE: July 30, 2001
 SUBJECT: Plus and Minus Grades
 Effective Fall 2001 Semester

After several years of study, discussion, and implementation design, we are now ready to modify our existing UCF grading practices. Starting with the fall 2001 semester, you may award plus and minus grades in undergraduate and graduate classes if you desire. While this option is not mandatory, many faculty have expressed a preference for the greater exactness plus and minus grades provide.

The following is the system that was recommended by the Faculty Senate, and I have approved:

GRADE	GRADE POINT VALUE	GRADE	GRADE POINT VALUE
A	4.00	C	2.00
A-	3.75	C-	1.75
B+	3.25	D+	1.25
B	3.00	D	1.00
B-	2.75	D-	0.75
C+	2.25	F	0.00

There is no official policy on the relation between the letter grade and the percentage grade (for instance, an A- being equal to a grade of 90-92). It is up to you to determine the equivalency and to notify your students.

I recommend that you clearly note your grading policy on your course syllabi, whether or not you choose to use the plus and minus system in the fall. This new practice will be unfamiliar to many students, and it may create some uncertainty in the first semester or two of implementation.

If you have any questions, please call John Schell at 407-823-4197 or e-mail him at schell@mail.ucf.edu.

I am pleased that we now have this more flexible grading system, and I hope it will better serve you and our students. Thank you.

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