

# THE HDFBS ADVISEMENT CENTER GUIDE TO *grading scales and options*

## GRADES

- UD uses a system of letter grades with plus and minus designations (A, A-, B+, B, B- etc.) called Standard Grading
- A grade of Incomplete (I) may be issued by an instructor for reasons such as illness but this grade will default to a grade of F by the second week of the next term if not adjusted
- Instructors can give a grade of Z if a student has not attended a sufficient number of classes or has missed assignments with no explanation; this counts the same way a failing grade would
- If you retake a course, both the first and latter grades are factored into your GPA unless you are eligible for grade forgiveness.



## CALCULATE YOUR GPA

Click for the  
**GPA  
Calculator**

## OTHER GRADE OPTIONS

- **Pass/Fail** - A passing grade of D- or higher allows you to earn course credit and the grade will not impact your GPA, but a failing grade of Z or F will negatively impact your GPA with no earned credit (NOTE: unless it is designated as P/F, changing a course to P/F may only count for free elective credit)
- **Audit/Listener** - You are enrolled in the course and need to attend, but do not have to participate; you do not earn credit nor do you receive a grade
- **Withdrawal** - you discontinue enrollment, attendance and participation in the course; you do not earn credit nor do you receive a grade

## ACADEMIC PROBATION

- Students with an overall GPA below 2.0 are on academic probation and cannot enroll in more than 14 credits
- Students are also required to meet with an advisor prior to course registration
- Continued probation status may result in dismissal from the University



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