

The University of Montana – Explanation of Transcript

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION

The University of Montana was opened September 1895. The name was changed to The State University of Montana in July 1917, when all state institutions were organized into a "University of Montana System." In July 1935, the name was changed to Montana State University. In July 1965, the name again became University of Montana under the state system, re-titled "The Montana University System."

CALENDAR AND CREDIT

1. All colleges, schools and departments, except the School of Law:

- 1895-Spring 1918. Semester System (18 weeks)
 - 1895-1898. Credit in terms of a "Course," or "Partial Course." A full course equivalent to 5 semester hours credit.
 - 1898-1905. "Course" credit continued. Value changed to 4 semester hours credit.
 - 1905-1918. Semester hours credit (1 credit = 1 hour of lecture, or 2½ hours of laboratory per week).
- 1918-1992 and Summers. Quarter System (12 weeks). (1 credit = 1 hour of lecture, or an average of 2½ hours of laboratory per week).
- 1992-Present. Semester System (15 weeks) (1 credit = 1 hour of lecture or an average of 2½ hours of laboratory per week).

2. School of Law

- 1911-Spring 1918. Semester System (18 weeks). Credit in semester hours.
- Fall 1918-Spring 1955. Quarter System (12 weeks). Credit in quarter hours.
- Fall 1955-Present. Semester System (16 weeks). Credit in semester hours.

GRADE SYMBOLS

1. 1895-1918

- A+ = Excellent
- A = Good
- B+ = Fair
- B = Barely Passed
- C = Condition (Additional work required)
- D = Failure
- + = Passed without defining grade
- I = Incomplete
- N = Continuing course, last grade applies to all courses
- W = Withdrawal

2. 1918-2004

- A = Superior quality
- B = Above average
- C+ = High average (1953-1957 only and School of Law)
- C = Average
- D = Below average
- E = (1918-1919) Failure (1919-1951) Condition. Additional work required for lowest passing grade.
- IE = (1918-1919) Condition (See "E" above)
- F = Failure
- + = Pass, grade not defined (1918-1960)
- P = Pass (1960-2004)
- X = Not Pass (to Summer 1995)
- I = Incomplete (if followed by a grade, work has been completed.)
- L = Listener; Auditor
- MG = Missing Grade (Grade not submitted)
- N = (1918-1953) Continuing course, accompanied by final grade. (1953-1970) Continuing course in research, thesis and law school. Final grade applies to all courses. (1970-Present) Continuing courses, all fields. Final grade applies to all courses.
- NO CR = No Credit (1985-1990)
- NCR = No Credit (1990-2004)
- NF = Administrative F (Spring 1996-Present)

- NP = Not Pass (Autumn 1995-2004)
- R = R immediately following another grade symbol indicates remedial course. (1990-2004)
- W = Withdrawal
- WF = Withdrawal-Failing (Spring 1996-2004)
- WP = Withdrawal-Passing (Spring 1996-2004)

3. Autumn 2004

- A,A- = Excellent
- B+,B,B- = Good
- C+,C,C- = Satisfactory
- D+,D,D- = Poor
- F = Failure
- AUD = Auditor
- CR = Credit
- CR* = Credit, transferred
- I = Incomplete (if followed by a grade, work has been completed.)
- MG = Missing Grade (not submitted)
- N = Continuing Course
- NC = No Credit
- NCR = No Credit
- NF = Administrative F
- W = Withdraw
- WP = Withdrew Passing
- WF = Withdrew Failing

R preceding another grade symbol indicates remedial course (Autumn 2004-present)

REPEAT KEY

All courses repeated remain on the permanent record. Grades of AUD, I, N, NC, NCR, NP, W, WP and WF do not replace other grades but an F or NF grade does.

REPEAT SYMBOLS

Summer 1996-Summer 2009

following a grade symbol indicates a repeat

Summer 1990-Present

- A following a grade symbol indicates an average of two or more repeated courses.
- E following a grade symbol indicates the grade is excluded from the Grade Point Average, Cumulative Grade Point Average, and Earned Hours when applicable.
- I following a grade symbol indicates the grade is included in the Grade Point Average, Cumulative Grade Point Average, and Earned Hours when applicable. (Autumn 2009-Present.)

ACADEMIC STANDING KEY

4.0 GPA List

Dean's List - To qualify for the Dean's List, students must be undergraduates, must earn a semester grade average of 3.50 or higher, and receive grades of A or B in at least 9 credits. No grades of B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D-, F, NC or NCR are allowed.

- Academic Warning
- Academic Probation
- Academic Suspension
- Provisional Admission
- Provisional Admission Continued
- Provisional Admission-New
- Provisional Admission Suspension

QUALITY POINTS

- 1895-1919. No grade point system
- 1918-1953.
 - A = 3 points
 - B = 2 points
 - C = 1 point
 - D = 0 points
 - E,F = (1918-1932)-2 points (1932-1953)-1 point
- 1953-2004
 - A = 4 points
 - B = 3 points

- C+ = 2½ points (1953-57, 1953-Present for School of Law only)
- C = 2 points
- D = 1 point
- F = 0 points

4. Autumn 2004-Summer 2005

- A = 4 points
- A- = 3.67 points
- B+ = 3.33 points
- B = 3 points
- B- = 2.67 points
- C+ = 2.33 points
- C = 2 points
- C- = 1.67 points
- D+ = 1.33 points
- D = 1 point
- D- = 0.67 points
- F = 0 points

5. Autumn 2005-Present

- A = 4 points
- A- = 3.7 points
- B+ = 3.3 points
- B = 3 points
- B- = 2.7 points
- C+ = 2.3 points
- C = 2 points
- C- = 1.7 points
- D+ = 1.3 points
- D = 1 point
- D- = 0.7 points
- F = 0 points

GRADING SYSTEMS

- Traditional letter grades. 1895-Present.
- Pass/Fail. (Symbols P/F) Departmental option for courses at the graduate level. P is not counted in grade average. F is counted in grade average. 1957-1979.
- Pass/Not Pass. (Symbols P/X/NP). Student or faculty option. Not counted in grade average. A maximum of 60 quarter or 40 semester credits earned on the Pass/Not Pass system allowed toward the bachelor's degree. 1970-Summer 1996. A maximum of 18 semester credits allowed Autumn 1996-2004. Changed to Credit/No Credit (CR, NCR) Autumn 2004-present.
- No Credit (Symbol NC or NCR). Students enrolled in English Composition are graded by the traditional letter grades of A, B, C, D, F or are given NC or NCR for no credit. The no credit grade does not affect grade point average. 1985-2004; grade NCR Autumn 2004-present.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1895-1898. 26 full courses.
- 1898-1905. 32 full courses.
- 1905-1906. 128 semester hours.
- 1906-1909. 130 semester hours.
- 1909-1918. 122 semester hours, including 2 hours of P.E.
- 1918-1921. 186 quarter hours, including 6 hours of P.E. Law, 135 quarter hours above admission requirements.
- 1921-1969. 180 quarter hours excluding P.E. and military science. Law, 135 quarter hours to 1955. 90 semester hours after 1955, above admission requirements. Forestry, 186 quarter hours to 1955. 192 quarter hours 1955-1969.
- 1969-1992. 195 quarter hours. Law, 90 semester hours above bachelor's degree.
- 1992-1997. 130 semester hours. Law, 90 semester hours above bachelor's degree.
- 1997-Present. 120 semester hours. Law, 90 semester hours above bachelor's degree.

The University of Montana College of Technology Explanation of Transcript

NAME OF THE INSTITUTION

The University of Montana College of Technology began in 1966 and was recognized by the state of Montana, Missoula County High School, and the Missoula community as the Missoula Area Vocational Education Center in 1967. In 1969 the Montana Legislative Assembly designated the Missoula Center as one of five Vocational Technical Centers in the state. In 1969 the Missoula Vocational Technical Center (also known as Missoula Technical Center) was accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges. In 1994 the Missoula Vocational Technical Center became a College of Technology and one of several colleges of The University of Montana in Missoula. Specific programs of the UM College of Technology (Missoula Vocational Technical Center) were and are accredited by state and national professional accrediting organizations.

CALENDAR

From 1966 to Summer term 1989, the school functioned on a quarter system based on contact hours. From 1990 to present a 15 week semester and credit hour system is used.

ACCREDITATION

The University of Montana College of Technology (the Missoula Vocational Technical Center until 1994) is accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and has been since 1969.

GRADE SYMBOLS

The initial set of grade symbols for the Missoula Vocational Technical Center were based on contact hours and identified by the following symbols:

- D - Distinctive
- P - Proficient
- C - Conditional
- R - Recycle
- W - Official Withdrawal
- X - Unofficial Withdrawal
- O - No grade, audit
- I - Incomplete

In 1972 the grade symbols changed, but were still associated with contact hours and identified as:

- D - Distinctive
- P - Proficient
- M - Marginal
- R - Recycle
- W - Official Withdrawal
- CH - Challenge
- I - Incomplete

In 1975-76 the grade symbols changed, but remained associated with contact hours and identified as:

- A - Superior Performance
- B - High Degree of Performance
- C - Adequate Performance
- D - Barely Adequate Performance
- F - Lack of Performance
- I - Incomplete
- W - Withdrawal
- CH - Challenge
- OG - On-Going Course (no credit)
- T - Transferred Work

In 1981 the grade symbols changed to reflect credit hours and GPA calculations as:

- A - Superior Performance
- B - High Degree of Performance
- C - Adequate Performance
- D - Minimum Performance
- F - Achievement does not merit awarding credit

X - Failure to complete course work, excessive absenteeism, or failure to withdraw properly

N - Termination. Designates Institution initiated termination of student enrollment in course

- I - Incomplete
- W - Withdrawal. Student initiated withdrawal
- CH - Credit Challenged (no credit given)
- OG - Ongoing Course (no credit)
- T - Credit Transferred (no credit given)
- L - Listener (no credit given)

Currently the grade symbols and recognition of grade status are the same as those of all units of The University of Montana.

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