

NAME OF 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

- 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 (16 weeks) (1 credit = 1 hour of lecture or an average of 2½ hours of laboratory per week).
- 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

- 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
- 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)
- Autumn 2004-Present
 - A,A- = Excellent
 - B+,B,B- = Good
 - C+,C,C- = Satisfactory
 - D+,D,D- = Poor
 - F = Failure
 - AUD = Auditor
 - CR = Credit
 - I = Incomplete
 - MG = Missing Grade (not submitted)
 - N = Continuing Course
 - NC = No Credit
 - NCR = No Credit
 - NF = Administrative
 - W = Withdraw
 - WP = Withdrew Passing
 - WF = Withdrew Failing
- R preceding another grade symbol indicates remedial course (Autumn 2004-present)

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
 - 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
 - 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 on the graduate level. P not counted in grade average. F 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 NO CR or NCR). Students enrolled in English Composition are graded by the traditional letter grades of A, B, C, D, F or are given NO CR or NCR for no credit. The no credit grade does not affect grade point average. 1985-2004; grade NC 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.
- 1908-1918. 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.