

Plus/Minus Grading – Faculty FAQs

Q: **When** will Plus/Minus grading be implemented?

A: Plus/Minus grading will start with **Fall 2010** semester.

Q: How will **honor points** for the GPA be assigned to Plus/Minus grades?

A	= 4.00	B+	= 3.33	C+	= 2.33	D+	= 1.33
A-	= 3.67	B	= 3.00	C	= 2.00	D	= 1.00
		B-	= 2.67	C-	= 1.67	D-	= 0.67
						F	= 0.00

Q: Is there a **standard grading scale** that must be used to assign grades using the Plus/Minus grade scheme?

A: **No.** It is up to each individual instructor and/or department to determine the point or percentage value required in a course for each grade in the Plus/Minus grade scheme.

Q: How will Plus/Minus grading affect a student's **previous grades**?

A: Grades received prior to the implementation of Plus/Minus grading will remain as they were originally earned. The honor points and GPA associated with those grades will remain the same as well. **Plus/Minus grading will only apply to grades earned beginning Fall 2010.**

Q: How will Plus/Minus grading affect a **student's academic standing**?

A: The **current GPA thresholds** utilized at the University level to determine academic status **will remain the same.** You may refer to the Student Academic Progress section of the undergraduate catalog for specific GPA requirements. Please note that GPA thresholds currently defined as a grade of C or B are considered the basic form of those letter grades: **C = 2.0 and B = 3.0.**

Q: How will Plus/Minus grading affect **course prerequisites or program requirements based on GPA**?

A: Each college, school, department, program, major and/or minor that utilizes GPA thresholds may choose to examine the existing thresholds in light of Plus/Minus grading and may propose changes through the appropriate governance channels; however, **existing thresholds currently** defined as a grade of C or B **are considered the basic form of those letter grades: C = 2.0 and B = 3.0.**

Q: How will the **transcript** be changed to reflect Plus/Minus grading?

A: A **notation will be made on the transcript** indicating that the University adopted Plus/Minus grading for undergraduate students effective Fall 2010.

Q: Will **Plus/Minus** grading apply to **all students** at WIU?

A: Plus/Minus grading has been approved at the undergraduate level, but not at the graduate level. Therefore, Plus/Minus grading will apply to **undergraduate courses only.** Whether a student is a graduate student or an