

GRADING REGULATIONS

Grading Scale

Grade point averages are determined on a 12-point grading system. The grade point value of each letter grade is listed below:

Grade	Grade Point	Quality Points per Semester Hour
A	97-100	4.0
A-	95-96	3.8
B+	93-94	3.5
B	90-92	3.0
B-	87-89	2.7
C+	84-86	2.3
C	81-83	2.0
C-	77-80	1.7
D+	75-76	1.3
D	72-74	1.0
D-	70-71	0.7
F	69 and below	0.0

The 12-point grading system allows a student the possibility of graduating with a perfect 4.0 average. A cumulative grade point average of 2.0, however, will constitute the lowest passing average to graduate. A cumulative grade point average below 2.0 will be the basis for academic probation.

Course-Related Code Designations

Grade	Description
I	Incomplete; becomes an F if not removed within 30 days after the end of the semester
TR	Transfer credit accepted from another institution
WP	Withdrawal before 12 class hours; no penalty
WF	Failure due to withdrawal after 12 class hours
FA	Failure due to excessive absences
AU	Audit completed
AW	Withdrawal from an audited course; no penalty
AN	Audit not completed; no penalty
AS	Advanced standing granted in a required course; alternate prescribed elective course to be taken
P	Pass
EX	Exempt
CO	Course completed

Failure of a Course

A required course in which a grade of F is received must be repeated until a passing grade is achieved. If a grade of F is received in an elective course, the course may be repeated, or another elective course may be attempted. In either event, the cumulative grade point average of a student must be maintained at the level of at least 2.0 on a scale of 4.0 for the student to continue working toward graduation without restriction.

Student Writing Center

The Student Writing Center offers assistance to students through a course entitled Power Up, which covers topics such as planning, organizing, writing, editing, and revising research papers. All new students are required to take and complete Power Up during their first semester at Mid-America. There is no cost for Power Up and no academic credit is given. It is a pass/fail course. Passing the course requires completion of all required elements.

Each semester and during the summer session, Power Up is offered online for eight weeks by a professor/writing coach through Moodle. Other students who feel that they need assistance in writing papers may also voluntarily sign up for the course by contacting the registrar's office at the beginning of the semester.

Transcript Records of Grades

All grades are permanently recorded on the student's academic transcript and become a part of his or her scholastic record. An unsatisfactory grade (D or F) in a course must remain on the transcript and is used in the calculation of the student's grade point average.

If a student repeats a course due to an unsatisfactory grade, the new grade is also recorded on the transcript. The last grade earned in the course is the grade used to calculate the student's grade point average. Students cannot repeat a course to raise a grade of B or C.

Grade Reports

Grade reports are available to the student through SonisWeb. Grades are generally posted approximately three weeks after final examinations.

Quality Points

Quality points are recorded as follows:

Grade	Quality Point
A	4.0
A-	3.8
B+	3.5
B	3.0
B-	2.7
C+	2.3
C	2.0
C-	1.7
D+	1.3
D	1.0
D-	0.7
F	0.0

The total number of quality points earned in each course is recorded on the student's transcript along with the record of the course grade and the student's cumulative grade point average. The grade point average is calculated by adding the total number of quality points earned and dividing by the total number of academic hours attempted.