

GRADE DEFINITIONS

Grading is essentially pass/fail and students should receive Honors (H), Credit (CR) or No Credit (NC). The passing grade is 82.5 or B. Anything below a B this considered failing.

Honors (H), 97.5+: Indicates consistently outstanding achievement equivalent to an A+ or better. It reflects work that meets all of the requirements for a grade of Credit but that, in addition demonstrates exceptional capacity for critical thinking which includes the contextualization, synthesis of main issues, integration of ideas from several readings, recognition of debated points, and creative application of material to practice and contemporary policy issues.

Credit (CR), 82.5+: Indicates an acceptable graduate-level work equivalent to a B or better. It reflects a combination of satisfactory completion of all course work, the quality of written and oral communication, adequate class participation, and regular and on-time class attendance. This includes ability to accurately report on the content of the readings, to identify main ideas, to draw relevant conclusions, to self-reflect on the material, to apply material to practice and contemporary policy issues and to reference assigned readings, Grades of Credit are given for work within the A to B Range.

No Credit (NC), <82.5: A grade of no-credit indicates a combination of poor quality of work on assignments; insufficient mastery of reading and lecture materials, weak descriptive and conceptual skills, minimal class participation; and excessive absences or lateness. No Credit grades are given work that is determined to be below a grade of B.

Incomplete: Grades of Incomplete may be given at the discretion of the instructor. Instructor and student must agree to a date for completion of the work. Failure to meet the agreed upon date will result in an automatic No Credit. Students who do not achieve Credit level work at the end of a course may not receive an incomplete grade.