

Supplementary Information for Use in Evaluation of Transcripts

Official Transcript. An official transcript is a listing of courses for which a passing grade has been assigned. Courses from which a student withdraws or which are not completed satisfactorily are not entered.

Provision for other Material to be included with Transcripts. A student may elect to include other materials with the transcript as further information on academic work. The student provides this material and it is mailed with the transcript by the Registrar.

Grading System. The grading system described below became effective for undergraduates as of the beginning of the 1969-70 academic year and for graduate and medical students as of the beginning of the 1971-72 academic year. Since 1969, Brown University has not computed a Grade Point Average.

All courses are graded, subject to the conditions noted in the following paragraphs, on one of the three following bases: (1) A, B, C/No Credit (NC), or (2) Satisfactory (S) /No Credit (NC), (3) Honors (HNRS), Satisfactory (S) /No Credit (NC), [Medical School courses only, effective academic year 1999-2000]. Beginning Semester I, 1974-75, an asterisk following a grade of S denotes that the choice of grade option for that course was not left to the student but was restricted to S/NC by the instructor. Although there is no minimum letter grade equivalent for Satisfactory (S), such an evaluation should be interpreted as comparable to the A, B, C/No Credit (NC) alternate system. As of fall 2009, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Courses (indicated by Credit Type = C are graded only by option (1).

A minimum grade of either S or C in a 1000 or 2000 (100 or 200 prior to summer 2007) level course carries credit toward all advanced degrees; however, individual departments may, subject to approval of the Graduate Council, set higher grade requirements for specific advanced degree programs.

Pre-College Program. Courses (along with Advanced Placement credits) do not apply to the minimum quantity degree requirement. However, students with the appropriate amounts of these credits may use them for Advanced Standing.

Post-Baccalaureate Program. Courses in these programs do not apply to any advanced degree program without the expressed written consent of the Dean of the Graduate School, which would be noted in the remarks section of the record.

Academic Calendar. Except where noted for medical clerkships, The normal academic year consists of two semesters of approximately fifteen weeks each. Winter Intersession approximately 4 weeks and Summer ranges from 7 weeks to 14 weeks depending on program.

Full-time and Part-time Enrollment. The normal full-time undergraduate course load is four courses per semester for eight semesters; however, a full-time student may elect to take three, four, or five courses in a given semester. At the graduate non PhD level, course enrollment is the determination of full-time enrollment status. All PhD and and Medical Students are considered full time unless they obtain permission from a Dean to study otherwise.

Unit of Credit. The unit of credit is the semester course. This is defined as one-fourth of a normal program of academic work for one semester (four courses) and, for purposes of evaluation, may be considered the equivalent of four semester hours of credit.

Course Numbering System. In the summer of 2007, the course numbering ranges were expanded from 100's to 1000's. This change was not made retroactively to courses that pre-date summer 2007. Courses numbered 1 to 999 (1-99 prior to summer 2007) are open to undergraduates. On occasion, however, and with approval of the student's department and the Dean, a graduate student may register for such a course with extra work for graduate credit, and this will be so noted. This provision does not apply to course level 1-999 (1-99 prior to summer 2007) taken for graduate credit by students in the Master of Medical Science program. Courses numbered 1000-1999 (100-199 prior to summer 2007) are open to undergraduates and graduate students. Courses numbered 2000-2999 (200-299 prior to summer 2007) are open to graduate students, and by special arrangement, to undergraduates. Courses numbered 3000 and above (300 and above prior to summer 2007) are open only to students in the School of Medicine.

Audits. Academic course credit is not granted for courses which are audited; however, an Audit is included on the permanent record only if the instructor concurs that the course work completed is acceptable as an Audit.

Degrees with Distinction. Baccalaureate degrees are awarded with one level of distinction only, magna cum laude, to approximately 20% of the graduating class.

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Grades Reported

A,B, or C
 S = (Satisfactory)
 S* = (Satisfactory) - restricted by instructor
 HNRS = Honors (Medical only)
 INC = Incomplete
 ABS = Absent from final examination
 M = Missing. Grade not submitted at time report was prepared
 AUDIT = See paragraph above
 ED = Existing deficiency (Medical only)
 T = Transfer Credit

Academic Status Codes

AW = Warning
 SW = Serious Warning

Grade Codes

* = Restricted to S/NC Option

Enrollment Codes

P = Part Time

Special Course Codes (from 2006-2023)

EXCH= Courses taken on Brown Exchange Program
 SAB = Courses taken on Alternative Brown Study Abroad Program

Course Type Codes

Y = Year course
 R = R.I. School of Design

Credit Values

C = Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
 V = Quarter Credit
 H = Half Credit
 D = Double Credit
 T = Triple Credit
 Q = Quadruple Credit
 U = Quintuple Credit
 N = Non-Credit
 E = Extra Credit Required for Graduate Credit
 X = Equivalent 6 Sem. Hrs. Practice Teaching
 Z = Equivalent 12 Sem. Hrs. Practice Teaching
 W = Weeks of Medical Clerkship
 % = Pre-College Program - see above
 K = Three Quarter Credit

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