



Procedure

Procedure Name	Grades		
Procedure #	AD 2.2	Parent Policy	AD 2.0 Academic Progression
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1.0 Purpose/ Background

NAIT grading systems and processes support students in achieving course and program learning outcomes.

The Grades Procedure establishes NAIT's grading scale and parameters for administration, supporting consistent application of NAIT academic standards in measuring a student's performance in a course.

This procedure applies to courses in degree, diploma, certificate, and continuing education programs at NAIT. This procedure does not apply to apprenticeship courses (apprentices should refer to [Apprenticeship and Industry Training policies and procedures](#)).

2.0 Definitions

Term	Definition
Course syllabus	A guide that is presented to students in the Learner Management System that lays out the essential information for students about the course and course delivery.
Completion requirements	Fulfillment of course requirements as outlined in the coursesyllabi.
Cumulative Grade Point Average(CGPA)	The CGPA is calculated by dividing the sum of total grade points achieved since the student started their latest program at NAIT by the sum of all credits attempted since the student started their latest program at NAIT. Courses taken outside the program will be included in the calculation.
Dean's Honor Roll	A status assigned to a student who has achieved a term GPA of 3.5 or higher.
Grading Scheme	Type of grading system used (graded or pass/fail) to capture a student's performance in a course.

Graduation Grade Point Average (GGPA)	The GGPA is calculated using only the courses required to satisfy the program requirements. If the student repeats a course, only the highest grade will be included in the GGPA calculation. Courses that are not required to satisfy the program requirements will not be included in the calculation. The GGPA is used to determine a student's eligibility for graduation and for honours standing.
Honours Standing	Upon graduation, honours standing is awarded to students who have a GGPA of 3.7 or higher.
Immediate family member	Immediate family may typically include the student's spouse or common-law partner; the student's parents and their spouse or common-law partner; the student's child(ren) and the child(ren) of the student's spouse or common-law partner; student's grandchild(ren); the student's siblings; the student's grandparents; the parents of the student's spouse or common-law partner and their spouse or common-law partner; and any relative of the student who resides permanently with the student or with whom the student permanently resides.
Last scheduled academic activity	The last scheduled date of the class section or the due date of the last assignment for that class, whichever comes later.
Learning Management System (LMS)	A software application used in the administration, reporting, and delivery of educational content and events, for instance Moodle.
Term Grade Point Average (TGPA)	The TGPA for each term is calculated by dividing the sum of grade points achieved in a term by the sum of all credits attempted in that term. The TGPA is used to determine academic standing and dean's honour roll at the end of each term.
Work Integrated Learning (WIL)	A form of experiential learning that integrates academic studies with relevant work-based learning. WIL experiences are directly tied to curriculum and part of an approved program of study and can include co-ops, internships, clinical placements, and field placements.

3.0 Grading Scheme

Percentage	Letter	Grade Point	Notes	Included in GPA calculation	Credits granted
90-100	A+	4.0	Outstanding	Yes	Yes
83-89	A	4.0	Excellent	Yes	Yes
80-82	A-	3.7		Yes	Yes
77-79	B+	3.3	Good	Yes	Yes
73-76	B	3.0		Yes	Yes
70-72	B-	2.7		Yes	Yes
67-69	C+	2.3	Satisfactory*	Yes	Yes

63-66	C	2.0		Yes	Yes
60-62	C-	1.7		Yes	Yes
55-59	D+	1.3		Yes	Yes
50-54	D	1.0	Minimal pass	Yes	Yes
0-49	F	0.0	Fail: the student's performance does not meet expectations.	Yes	No
	W		Withdrawn. Student officially withdrew from the course prior to the term withdrawal deadline.	No	No
0	WF	0.0	Withdraw failure: the student officially withdrew from the course after the term withdrawal deadline.	Yes	No
	H		Honours: the student's performance exceeds expectations.	No	Yes
	P		Pass: the student's performance meets expectations.	No	Yes
	AU		Course was audited.	No	No
	CR		Advanced credit awarded.	No	Yes
	CTN		Continued. This grade is posted at the end of a term if a student is enrolled in a course that has two parts spanning across two terms and the student has completed the first part. For example, the student is enrolled in a course that has part A in fall term and part B in the winter term. CTN grade will be posted at the end of the fall term when the student has completed part A.	No	No
	EXC		This grade is posted at the end of a term if a student participates in education abroad and is enrolled in EXCH2000.	No	No
	IN		Incomplete. This grade is posted when a student has been granted extended time to complete outstanding coursework or a deferred exam.	No	No

4.0 Procedures

4.1 General Grades Procedures

- 4.1.1 Programs will adhere to the NAIT grading scheme.
- 4.1.2 The Office of the Registrar is the only office that has the authority to issue or release official grade information by way of transcripts.

- 4.1.3 Instructors will provide course syllabi to students to support progression and graduation, which must include information on grading schemes and course completion requirements.
- 4.1.4 Final grades must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar in a timely manner to support student progression and graduation.
- 4.1.5 Course extensions should only be granted in extenuating circumstances, be supported by relevant documentation, and must be managed in a way that supports the student's success in their subsequent term and courses.

4.2 Audit Procedures

- 4.2.1 Courses may be audited if students have received permission from the program leader prior to enrolment. Service courses must have approval from both receiving and delivering program leaders.
- 4.2.2 Auditing students are allowed to attend and participate in class activities but are not awarded a formal grade that shows up on the transcript.
- 4.2.3 The tuition charged for an audit course will be 50% of the normal cost for the course.
- 4.2.4 Approval and registration to audit must be completed prior to the start of the course. Students who enter the course as an audit student will not be able to change to graded.

4.3 Final Grades Procedures

- 4.3.1 Final grades are to be submitted to the Office of the Registrar within four (4) business days of the last scheduled academic activity of the class section. In cases where there are less than four (4) business days between the last scheduled academic activity of the fall term and the beginning of the winter break, fall term grades are due before the winter break begins. Requests for extensions may be submitted by the associate dean academic and approved by the registrar.
- 4.3.2 Students requesting a review of their final grade must follow the process as identified in the grade reappraisal section of the Academic Progression Appeals Procedure.

4.4 Passing Grade Procedures

- 4.4.1 NAIT's official pass mark is 50%. This aligns with the letter grade D in the grading scheme.
- 4.4.2 A higher pass mark may be approved for programs where graduates must be licensed to practice, or a standard benchmark needs to be achieved to maintain accreditation.
- 4.4.3 A higher pass mark than NAIT's official pass mark must be approved by the associate dean academic, in consultation with the registrar.

- 4.4.4 Pass marks will remain in alignment with the grading scheme (see 3.0). A higher pass mark will have a higher corresponding letter grade.
- 4.4.5 Students who do not achieve the required pass mark will receive a failing grade (F) for the course.

4.5 Deferred Exam Procedures

- 4.5.1 Students may request a deferred exam for exams weighting 20% or higher if they are not able to complete the scheduled exam due to extenuating circumstances beyond the student's control such as incapacitating illness, death in the immediate family, caring for an immediate family member with a critical illness, conflict with religious observance, or legal obligations such as jury duty or court appearances.
- 4.5.2 Deferred exam requests due to religious observance:
 - 4.5.2.1 Students must submit a Deferred Exam Request Form and supporting documentation to Learning Services for each incident at least 10 business days prior to the scheduled exam date.
 - 4.5.2.2 An accommodation recommendation for deferred exam requests due to religious observance will be provided to the program area by Learning Services within 10 business days of receiving the deferred exam request.
- 4.5.3 All other deferred exam requests:
 - 4.5.3.1 Students must submit a Deferred Exam Request Form and supporting documentation to the program area for each incident prior to the scheduled exam date, or as soon as they are able due to the circumstances underlying the request for a deferral.
- 4.5.4 All deferred exam requests will be approved or denied by the program leader or designate within four (4) business days of receiving the deferred exam request.
- 4.5.5 In cases where the deferred exam impacts ability to assign a final grade, approved deferred exam requests must be received by the Office of the Registrar within two (2) business days of the program leadership or Learning Services approval. The program area will post the IN (incomplete) grade to the student record and submit a grade change to the Office of the Registrar after the deferred exam has been completed.
- 4.5.6 A grade change must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar within four (4) business days after the rescheduled exam date, or the IN grade will be converted to F.

4.6 Course Extension Procedures

- 4.6.1 Students may request up to thirty (30) calendar days of extension if they are not able to complete the required coursework within the normal time frame of the term due to extenuating circumstances that are beyond the student's control such as incapacitating illness, death in the immediate family, caring for an immediate family member with a critical illness.
- 4.6.2 Students must submit a Course Extension Request Form and provide supporting

documentation at least four (4) business days before the last scheduled academic activity of the class section.

- 4.6.3 Extension requests must be approved by the program leader.
- 4.6.4 Extension fees may apply for Continuing Education courses.
- 4.6.5 Approved requests must be received by the Office of the Registrar within four (4) business days after the last scheduled academic activity of the class section.
- 4.6.6 The program area will post the IN (incomplete) grade to the student record and submit a grade change to the Registrar's Office at the end of the extension.
- 4.6.7 A grade change must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar four (4) business days after the approved extension end date, or the IN grade will be converted to F.
- 4.6.8 If the course is a pre-requisite, the student will be permitted to enroll in the subsequent course(s) during the extension period. If the student fails to complete all required coursework at the end of the extension period, they will no longer be able to continue in the subsequent course(s). The student will be dropped from the subsequent course(s) and the standard refund policies will apply.
- 4.6.9 If the student fails to complete all outstanding course requirements at the end of the approved extension period, another extension will not be granted, and the student will be required to repeat the course.

4.7 Repeating Course Procedures

- 4.7.1 A student is permitted to repeat a course once without permission, unless it is a work integrated learning (WIL), capstone or clinical placement course.
- 4.7.2 Students seeking to repeat a course more than once or seeking to repeat a WIL, capstone, or clinical placement course must have permission of the chair.
- 4.7.3 All attempts will appear on the student's transcript and be included in the calculation of the term and cumulative GPAs. The highest grade will be included in the calculation of the graduation GPA.

4.8 Grade Correction Procedures

- 4.8.1 Grade corrections can only be completed after a successful grade reappraisal, an approved deferred exam, an approved course extension; or at the request of the program leader because of an error.
- 4.8.2 Grade corrections that are the result of a program leader request must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar within ten (10) business days following the last scheduled academic activity of the class section.
- 4.8.3 Grade corrections that are the result of a grade reappraisal, deferred exam, or course extension must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar within the timeframe outlined in the Academic Progression Appeals Procedure or the Grades Procedure.

5.0 Exceptions to the Procedure

- 5.1 In the event of significant campus disruption where course continuation is impacted, at the direction of the school Dean, instructors may re-evaluate:
- the grading scheme for the course
 - completion requirements for the course
 - weighting of assignments and assessments
- 5.1.1 Changes to grading practices should be approved by the Chair of the program. Changes to grading should not result in a negative impact on student progression.
- 5.1.2 In the event of significant campus disruption where course continuation is impacted, at the direction of the Vice President Academic, grades may be assessed on an Honours/Pass/Fail (H/P/F) basis.
- 5.2 Any additional exceptions to this procedure must be documented and formally approved by the Procedure Owner. Procedure exceptions must include:
- The nature of the exception
 - A reasonable explanation for why the procedure exception is required
 - Confirmation that the exception aligns with the general principles
 - Any risks created by the procedure exception and how they will be managed.

6.0 Related Documentation

AD 2.1 Academic Standing Procedure

AD 2.5 Academic Progression Appeals Procedure

IP 1.1 Quality Curriculum Procedure

Deferred Exam Request Form

Course Extension Request Form

Document History

Date	Action/ Change
August 12, 2020	Added 5.1 And 5.2 – approved by J. Crothers
Oct 19, 2020	Modified 4.5 to include religious observance and legal obligations as valid reasons for deferred exams. – approved by J. Crothers Removed the DEF grade from the grading scheme – approved by J. Crothers Updated 4.5 and 4.6 to reflect the business process of assigning IN grade for approved deferred exam and course extension – approved by J. Crothers
February 8, 2021	Modified 4.5.2 and 4.5.3 to clarify the process for requesting a deferred exam due to conflict with religious observance. Modified 4.5.6 to exempt deferred exams due to religious observance from the deferred exam fee. – approved by J. Crothers
February 24, 2021	Correct the definition of Dean's Honour Roll.
July 12, 2021	Correct the definition of Honours Standing & removed Deferred Exam Fee – approved by D. Little
March 17, 2022	Added 4.6.4 regarding Course Extension fee for CED courses – approved by J. Crothers
August 4, 2022	Updated WIL definition as per the updated Curriculum and Instruction policies and procedures.

Sept 29, 2022	Modified 4.5.2, 4.5.3 and 4.5.4 to add program approval step to deferred exam request due to religious observance. – approved by J. Crothers
January 24, 2023	Updated definition of Syllabus, added definition of LMS