Policy Title
Grading System and Remediation

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LCME Standards
9.4 – Assessment System
9.6 – Setting Standards of Achievement

Scope
University of South Carolina School of Medicine Greenville (USCSOMG) faculty and students

Policy Statement
All students will be evaluated using the institutional learning objectives as defined by the Curriculum Committee. Based on course assessments, students will receive a grade (see Symbols) and narrative feedback at the conclusion of each course.

The faculty of the USC School of Medicine Greenville is committed to the philosophy that satisfactory performance is expected of all students. No single course or clerkship or area of study is deemed to be more important than any other. The required courses and clerkships of the curriculum are all essential for the practice of medicine, regardless of the student’s future specialty choice.

Reason for Policy
The purpose of this policy is to define the grading system used by USC School of Medicine Greenville to evaluate students of a competency-based curriculum (as defined by the Curriculum Committee) and to ensure consistency and fairness of grades.

Procedures
All M1 and M2, M3 Core Emergency Medicine, and all M3 and M4 electives and selective courses will follow these grading requirements:

Final Grade - percentage point accumulation corresponds to the following grade:
\[ \geq 69.45 \text{ PASS} \]
\[ \leq 69.44 \text{ FAIL (UNSATISFACTORY)} \]

Courses are graded on a pass/fail basis. A student will earn a passing grade if a total score of at least 69.45 percent is achieved and a score will be recorded as a S (Pass/Satisfactory). All scores below 69.45 will be considered a failing grade and will be recorded as a U (Unsatisfactory). No letter grades will be assigned.
M3 Core Clerkships (excluding Emergency Medicine) and M4 Acting Internships will follow these Grading requirements:

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<th>Letter Grade</th>
<th>GPA</th>
<th>Numerical Grade*</th>
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<td>Superior</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>Above Average</td>
<td>B+</td>
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* Any final numeric grade in a course or clerkship whose first decimal place is calculated to be .5 to .9 shall be rounded to the next whole number, while grades whose first decimal place is calculated to be .0 to .4 should be rounded down to the lower number.

Other Symbols:
Other symbols used in the grading system are defined below. These grades do not carry grade points.

- **S**: Satisfactory or passing; to be used in evaluating competency, performance or work done on a Pass-Fail basis
- **U**: Unsatisfactory or failure; to be used in evaluating competency, performance or work done on a Pass-Fail basis
- **W**: Withdrawal passing, or without penalty, from a module or clerkship
- **WF**: Withdrawal failing, or with penalty, from a module or clerkship
- **AUD**: Student participated in the course as an auditor, with no assessment.
- **I**: Incomplete; failure to complete some portion of the assigned work in a module or clerkship
- **NR**: No report; to be used in the absence of any of the above grades; a temporary mark, to be replaced subsequently by a regular grade, which can be used only when no grade has been assigned.

Certain courses as stated in the syllabi may have an Honors designation which will be noted on the transcript.

Remediation:
If a student does not pass a Biomedical Science module in M1 or M2 year, they must take a similar summative exam covering the content of the failed module. An “I” for Incomplete will be recorded until the remediation exam is completed and the final grade resolved. If the student passes the remediation exam, a passing grade of “S” will be recorded for that module at the end of the academic year, unless there are failures of other modules. If there are failures of other modules and the Student Evaluations and Promotions Committee (SEPC) recommends repeat of a year or dismissal from school, the Module Director may elect to assign a Grade of “U” for the module.

For remediation in M3 and M4 courses, refer to the Clerkship Failure Policy and the Failure of an Elective Clerkship Policy.

Sanctions
If a student fails to pass a course, the Student Evaluation and Promotions Committee will recommend an action to address the failure. Refer to Evaluation and Promotion Policy.

Additional Contacts
Office of Academic Affairs
Office of Students Affairs

**Related Information**
Evaluation and Promotion Policy
Clerkship Failure Policy
Failure of an Elective Clerkship Policy

**History**
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