

**BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK  
BINGHAMTON, NY 13902-6000**

Binghamton University operates on a year-round schedule that includes a fall and spring semester, as well as winter and summer sessions.

Binghamton has five undergraduate schools: Harpur College of Arts and Sciences (the liberal arts component); the School of Management, the Decker School of Nursing, the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology; and the College of Community and Public Affairs. The descriptions that follow explain the transcripts for each of these undergraduate schools and the information noted thereon.

The Graduate School at Binghamton University also offers programs in the Arts and Sciences, Management, Nursing, Education, Public and Community Affairs, and Engineering, Applied Science and Technology. Graduate work appears on a separate transcript.

Grades for transfer coursework will be reflected on the transcript with the letter "T". Binghamton University does not post grades received at other institutions. Transfer coursework will not be included in GPA calculations.

**COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM**

The current course numbers consist of three significant digits.

Courses numbered:

100-299 are lower division undergraduate courses  
300-499 are upper division undergraduate courses  
500 (5000 for some programs) and above are graduate courses.

The suffix -C in the departmental abbreviation identifies a "writing emphasis" course (substantial writing experience in the particular discipline in which the course is offered requiring a minimum of 20 pages of writing); the suffix -W identifies a "writing" course (considerable writing experience requiring a minimum of 10 pages of writing). The -W appears only on courses prior to Spring 2002.

**CURRENT UNDERGRADUATE GRADING SYSTEM**

Unless footnoted to the contrary, all credits that appear on a matriculated student's transcript are applied to progression toward a degree. The grade-point average is calculated on a 4.0 scale.

GRADING SYSTEMS

The following grading system applies to all schools. Any differences will be noted under each individual school.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	Grade Points		<u>Description</u>
		<u>Per Hour</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
A	Excellent	4.0		
A-		3.7	P	Passing, equivalent of D or better
B+		3.3		
B	Good	3.0	*MG	Missing Grade
B-		2.7	*W	Withdrawn
C+		2.3	*I	Incomplete
C	Satisfactory	2.0	*AU	Audit
C-		1.7		
D	Barely Passing	1.0		
F	Failing	0.0		

\* Carries no grade-points, not figured in semester and cumulative totals.

For grading systems in use prior to 1979 (for Harpur College), 1981 (for the School of Management and the Decker School of Nursing), and 1983 (for the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering, Applied Science, and Technology and the School of Education and Human Development), please refer to the Binghamton University website at <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu>.

**HARPUR COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

Harpur College transcripts do not include notations for academic actions of probation, suspension, or dismissal. Unless otherwise noted, the transcript is a complete

semester-by-semester record of all courses taken and grades received regardless of whether or not the grade is included in the GPA computation.

Rate of Progress and Grade Point Averages

Beginning in June, 1992, Grade Point Averages and Dean's List notations are included on students' transcripts for anyone enrolled at that time and thereafter, including courses taken in semesters prior to June 1992. Grades in courses taken prior to June 1985 are not computed in the GPA due to the policies in effect at that time. To maintain satisfactory academic progress, students are required to earn a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all courses taken for credit.

**SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT**

Beginning with January 1981, grade-point averages are computed on a student's academic work in all colleges at Binghamton University, including minus grades. Management transcripts do not include notations for academic actions of probation, suspension, or dismissal. Beginning with Fall 1983, Management transcripts reflect academic honors awarded (semester Dean's list).

GRADING SYSTEM (University grading system applies with the following exceptions)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	Grade Points <u>Per Hour</u>
WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0
NC	No Credit	0.0

**DECKER SCHOOL OF NURSING**

A grade-point average is computed for all courses taken, and includes minus grades. All courses attempted are included on the transcript with an indication of the semester they were taken. Nursing transcripts reflect both academic honors awarded since Spring 1982 (semester Dean's list) and academic actions such as probation, suspension, and dismissal.

GRADING SYSTEM (University grading system applies with the following exceptions)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	Grade Points <u>Per Hour</u>
*P	Passing, equivalent of C- or better	
*WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0
*WP	Withdrawn Passing	0.0

\*Carries no grade-points, not figured in semester and cumulative totals.

**THOMAS J. WATSON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING,  
APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

Present Grading System - A grade-point average is computed for all courses taken, and includes minus grades. All courses attempted are included on the transcript with an indication of the semester they were taken. Watson transcripts do not include notations for academic actions of probation, suspension, or dismissal.

GRADING SYSTEM (University grading system applies with the following exceptions)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	Grade Points <u>Per Hour</u>
WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0
WP	Withdrawn Passing	*

\*Carries no grade-points, not figured in semester and cumulative totals.

**COLLEGE OF COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

To remain in good academic standing, CCPA students enrolled in degree programs are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the degree. In CCPA, satisfactory progress is defined as maintaining a grade-point average of 2.0 in all courses taken (whether or not in CCPA). The grade-point average is calculated on a 4.0 scale. The January 1981 to Present grading policy remains in effect.

Present Grading System - A grade-point average is computed for all courses taken, and includes minus grades. All courses attempted are included on the transcript with an indication of the semester they were taken. CCPA transcripts do not include notations for academic actions of probation, suspension, or dismissal. Effective Fall 1987, CCPA transcripts reflect academic honors awarded (semester Dean's list).

GRADING SYSTEM (University grading system applies with the following exceptions)

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	Grade Points <u>Per Hour</u>
WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION**

The School of Education offers graduate degree programs in Education. Grading System: See Graduate School Grading System

**THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

The Graduate School at the State University of New York at Binghamton encompasses all advanced degree programs in the six schools.

**GRADUATE GRADING SYSTEM**

The grading system of the Graduate School applies to all graduate-level courses offered at Binghamton University. A cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 is required for graduation. The grade-point average is calculated in a 4.0 scale.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Description</u>	Grade Points <u>Per Hour</u>
A	Excellent	4.0
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3.0
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Satisfactory	2.0
C-		1.7
F	Failing	0.0
WF	Withdrawn Failing	0.0
W	Withdrawn	*
WP	Withdrawn Passing	*
I	Incomplete	Carry no grade points
**R	Registered	Carry no grade points
X	Audit	Carry no grade points
***S	Satisfactory	Carry no grade points
U	Unsatisfactory	Carry no grade points

\* Carries no grade-points, not figured in semester and cumulative totals.

\*\* Courses assigned "R" (Registered) grades are not applied toward degree progression.

\*\*\* Equivalent of "B" or better

NOTE: S/U grading is required for courses 591, 599, 698, and 699. S/U is used at the option of the instructor (not the student) in courses numbered 590, 592-598, and 600-697, S/U may not be used for courses numbered below 590.