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, (the liberal arts component); the School of Education and Human Development; the Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering, Applied Science and Technology; the School of Management; and the School of Nursing. The descriptions which follow explain the transcripts for each of these undergraduate schools and the information noted thereon.

The Graduate School at the University Center also offers programs in the Arts and Sciences, Management, Nursing, Education and Human Development, 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.

THE COURSE NUMBER SYSTEM

Course numbers consist of three significant digits.

Fall 1977 to Present

Courses numbered:

Courses numbered:

September 1973 to August 1987

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.

Not all departments number courses according to this schema. *SEHD was formerly SGGPE.

Beginning with the Fall 1990 semester, the suffix –WE 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).

Prior to Fall 1990, the suffixes –U and –L in the department abbreviation identified "upper" and "lower" level writing emphasis courses respectively.

CROSS-DISCIPLINARY STUDY

At Binghamton, students enrolled in one undergraduate school may take courses offered by another school of this University. In such instances, the grading system of the course is generally determined by the school offering the course. The grade-point averages and transcript entries are determined by the school in which the student is officially enrolled.

Unless footnoted to the contrary, all credits that appear on a matriculated student’s transcript are applied to progression toward a degree.
Prior to September 1971 - A grade-point average was computed for all courses in which a grade, carrying grade-points, was received. All courses attempted are included on the transcripts with an indication of the semester they were taken. GPA computations are based on the same values as those in effect in September 1971, excluding plus grades.

SCHOOL OF NURSING

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. Nursing transcripts reflect both academic honors awarded since Spring 1982 (semester Dean’s list) and academic actions such as probation, suspension, and dismissal.

July 1967 to August 1981 - There is no grade-point average. No transcript record is kept of a course which the student does not earn a grade equivalent of C or better. Transcripts show a chronological record of courses passed with an indication of the semester they were taken.

Grade Description
- A Excellent
- B Good
- C Satisfactory
- D Barely Passing
- F Failing
- W Withdrawing
- I Incomplete
- AU Audit
- NC No Credit
- MG Missing Grade
- *P Pass
- *TP Passing, equivalent of C or better
- *W* Withdrawn
- *W* Withdrawn, equivalent of F
- **WF** Withdrawn Failing

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Before Fall 1983, students holding a grade-point average of 2.00 or better were not subject to academic suspension or dismissal. After Fall 1983, the grade-point average needed for academic standing is 2.00. For students who entered prior to Fall 1983, the grade-point average needed for academic standing is 2.30. Navy, Nursing, and Medical students are subject to a grade-point average of 2.70 for graduation.

For semesters previous to June 1983, see section on School of Education and Human Development.