

No Credit (NC) Grades in IFP and Selected Lower-Division Courses

The No Credit grading policy is designed to enable Florida Atlantic University students the opportunity to progress through to a timely and successful graduation. This policy allows students to recover from initial difficulties they may experience in the transition to the rigors of university academic coursework.

This policy is limited to courses in the Intellectual Foundations Program (IFP) and selected lower-division courses. Students will receive a grade of NC (No Credit) if their grade does not meet the minimum requirement. NC grades are not calculated in the student's grade point average (GPA). Grades that meet the minimum will appear as earned on the student's transcript and will be calculated in GPA. The following conditions apply to this policy:

1. The grade of NC is applied a maximum of four times to the listed courses during the student's academic career at FAU and applies only to courses carrying two or more credit hours.
2. Students receiving one or more NC grades are subject to the university's academic standing flags (probation, suspension, etc.) and must abide by the stipulations for continuation determined by their academic advisor.
3. The grade of NC may not be applied to repeated courses.
4. The NC grade may not be applied to grades awarded due to an academic irregularity. (See University Regulations, Chapter 4, Regulation 4.001, [Code of Academic Integrity](#).)
5. Students wishing to have their earned grade applied (and thus to remove their NC grade) must petition the Office of the University Registrar.

The following courses (and the minimum required grade) fall under this policy:

1. IFP mathematics and English Composition courses (including ENC 1102 substitute courses): minimum grade is C.
2. All other IFP courses: minimum grade is D-.
3. MAT 1033 (prerequisite to IFP math course): minimum grade is C.
4. CHM 1025 (prerequisite to IFP chemistry course): minimum grade is D-.
5. Beginning foreign language courses, such as SPN 1120 and SPN 1121: minimum grade defined in Catalog.

Students should understand that all coursework, including those courses for which the NC grade policy has been applied, counts in the calculation of excess hours. Students might eventually incur additional fees in the pursuit of their degree, so they will need to chart their plan of study in consultation with an academic advisor.