4. Inform you of your level of achievement in a specific course;
5. Stimulate you to learn;
6. Inform prospective employers and others of your achievement.

Most courses employ standard letter grading described below. In some classes all students will be graded A, B, C, NC (No Credit) and in others CR (Credit) or NC only, as determined by the department. Students will be advised at the beginning of a course if either of these patterns is to be used.

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**Definition of Letter Grading Symbols**

**Undergraduate Courses (numbered 100 to 599):**

**A-Superior Work:**
- A level of achievement so outstanding that it is normally attained by relatively few students.

**B-Very Good Work:**
- A high level of achievement clearly better than adequate competence in the subject matter/skill, but not as good as the unusual, superior achievement of students earning an A.

**C-Adequate Work:**
- A level of achievement indicating adequate competence in the subject matter/skill. This level will usually be met by a majority of students in the class.

**D-Minimally Acceptable Work:**
- A level of achievement which meets the minimum requirements of the course.

**F-Unacceptable Work:**
- A level of achievement that fails to meet the minimum requirements of the course. Not passing.

**Graduate Courses (numbered 600 to 699)**

**A-Superior Work:**
- A level of achievement so outstanding that it is normally attained by relatively few students.

**B-Adequate Work:**
- A level of achievement indicating adequate competence in the subject matter/skill. This level or higher will usually be met by a majority of students in the class.

**C-Minimally Acceptable Work:**
- A level of achievement which meets the minimum requirements of the course.

**F-Unacceptable Work:**
- A level of achievement which fails to meet the minimum requirements of the course. Not passing. Because a C is the minimal acceptable grade for a 600-level course, a D grade is not allowed.

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**Use of Plus/Minus Symbols**

Standard letter symbols will be used with + and - modifiers for undergraduate and graduate grading, with the following associated grade points:

- A+ = 4.3
- A  = 4.0
- A- = 3.7
- B+ = 3.3
- B  = 3.0
- B- = 2.7
- C+ = 2.3
- C  = 2.0
- C- = 1.7
- D+ = 1.3
- D  = 1.0
- F  = 0.0
- WU/IC = 0.0