



TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

**POLICY: Grading System**  
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Commission Chair

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President

The Technical College of the Lowcountry will use a grading and grade point system in which the calculation of the student's Grade Point Average (GPA) is based on a 0 to 4-point numerical value scale. The only grades and numerical values in the calculation of the GPA are as follows:

A	EXCELLENT	4 Grade points for each credit earned
B	ABOVE AVERAGE	3 Grade points for each credit earned
C	AVERAGE	2 Grade points for each credit earned
D	BELOW AVERAGE	1 Grade point for each credit earned
F	FAILURE	0 Grade points for each credit attempted

Other grade and course symbols authorized for use are as follows:

I	INCOMPLETE	No credits or grade points. Defaults to F after one semester.
W	WITHDRAWN	No credits or grade points. The grade "W" represents official withdrawal from a course.
E	EXEMPT	Earns credits. No grade points. Awarded for course exemption based on testing, equivalent work, or educational experience.
TR	TRANSFER	Earns credits. No grade points. Allowable equivalent credits earned at other approved post-secondary institutions supported by official transcripts and evaluated for equivalency.

AU	AUDIT	No credits or grade points.
NC	NO CREDIT	No credits or grade points.
NR	NO REPORT	Issued only when instructor does not submit grade reports. A "NR" grade must be replaced by a final grade as soon as received from instructor.
S	SATISFACTORY	Earned credits or CEUs. No grade points.
U	UNSATISFACTORY	No credits, CEUs, or grade points.

Credits earned in developmental courses or other courses numbered less than 100 will not be creditable towards a certificate, diploma, or degree and will not generate grade points for use in GPA calculation. Courses numbered as 100 will not be creditable towards any degree program, but credits and grade points will be earned in the overall GPA average.

The highest grade earned in a course is to be computed in a student's grade point average. However, the student's complete academic record will be reflected on the transcript.

Students may appeal a grade by acting in accordance with the College's grade appeal procedure.