GRADING SYSTEM

The Divinity School uses the following grading system:

- Honors (H) = Exemplary
- Honors minus (H–) = Excellent
- High Pass plus (HP+) = Very Good
- High Pass (HP) = Good
- High Pass minus (HP–) = Satisfactory
- Low Pass (LP) = Marginally Passable
- Fail (F)
- Credit (CR)
- No Credit (NC)
- Withdraw (W)

If the YDS grading system were to be translated into a traditional grading system on the graduate level, Honors would represent a strong A and A+; Honors minus, A–; High Pass plus, B+; High Pass, B; High Pass minus, B–; Low Pass, C.

There is also a Credit/No Credit system. The Credit/No Credit option for a course may be chosen by the instructor, in which case the entire class will be graded thus, unless individual students in such a course obtain the instructor’s approval to take the course on the regular grading system. Conversely, a student taking a course graded on the regular grading system may request the instructor’s approval to be graded Credit/No Credit. The grade of CR in the Credit/No Credit system requires achievement at the level of HP– or better. Requests for departures from the grading systems under which courses are taught must be made on a form supplied by the registrar’s office. Options are elected during the first two weeks of the term, and the decision is irreversible. The option of a Credit/No Credit grade is not available under the S.T.M. program.

In both grading systems, the W is to be used only under extraordinary circumstances by permission of the senior associate dean of academic affairs in consultation with the Professional Studies Committee. Students who receive one or more LP, F, or NC grades in a given term are subject to being placed on academic warning or academic probation (see section on Academic Deficiencies below). YDS does not calculate GPA or class rank.

GRADE CHANGES

Once submitted, a grade may not be changed by the instructor except:

1. In the event of a computational or clerical error, or
2. After a reevaluation of a student’s work in consultation with the senior associate dean of academic affairs.