GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

GRADING AND EVALUATION

The Department of Nursing complies with the University Academic Policy as published in the Lamar University Graduate Catalog.

Grading System

The grading system for graduate students is “A” (superior), “B” (good), “C” (marginal), “D” (poor), “F” (fail), “I” (incomplete), “S” (satisfactory), “U” (unsatisfactory), Drop, and Withdrawal. Credits applicable to graduate degrees are given only for the grades A, B, C, and S. Although C grades earned at Lamar University may be counted toward the requirements for a graduate degree, C grades are not considered acceptable graduate-level performance. Courses in which a student earns only a D or F may not be counted toward a graduate degree, although such grades are calculated in determining the grade-point average. Grades of C, D, or F must be compensated for by the necessary hours of A if the student is to have the 3.0 grade-point averages required before awarding the degree. In computing grade-point averages, an “A” is valued at four grade points, a “B” three, a “C” two, a “D” one, and “F” zero. An overall grade point average (GPA) of “B” (3.0) on all graduate work attempted is required for graduation. Thesis grades are not included in the computation of grade point averages. Incomplete work that is not finished during the next long semester (Spring or Fall) will be credited with an “F”. With compelling justification, the graduate dean may grant an extension of the time limit for the completion of incomplete work.

INCOMPLETES

“I” may be given when any course requirements including the final exam, is not completed. Arrangements to complete course deficiencies should be made with the faculty assigned to the course. Incomplete work must be finished during the first long semester, or the Records Office will change the “I” to the grade of “F”.

ACADEMIC PROBATION AND SUSPENSION

Graduate students must maintain a 3.0 or “B” average. Students whose GPA falls below this in any semester will be placed on academic probation. The student has only 9 additional hours to raise the GPA to 3.0. After two semesters of probation the student will be suspended. Students need to be in contact with their advisor immediately regarding a low GPA. Graduate studies will generally allow one C grade if it does not pull the overall GPA below 3.0.