

## M1-M2 Grading and Longitudinal Course Grading

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### **Rationale:**

To provide a standard method of assessment for M1-M2 longitudinal courses.

### **Scope and Applicability:**

All students enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine (MD) program.

### **Standard Practice Guideline**

M1, M2 and longitudinal course grading is criterion-based on competency standards, rather than norm-referenced (curved). M1, M2, and longitudinal Course Directors evaluate students by means they judge appropriate to their respective courses. Course Directors determine the grading requirements for an individual course, including the number of examinations, required assignments, and the relative weight of all components of the course grade with approval from the OUWB Curriculum Committee.

### **Procedures:**

Grades for the M1, M2, and longitudinal courses utilize either a three (3) grade interval (Pass/Pass with Remediation/Fail) or a four (4) grade range (Honors/Pass/Pass with Remediation/Fail). The decision to utilize a three or four interval grading system for a course must be approved by the OUWB Curriculum Committee and stated in the course syllabus prior to the start of a course.

Evaluation of student performance is expressed as one of the following grades:

**HN (Honors)** is a permanent grade, assigned by the faculty member(s) responsible for the course, which denotes student performance exceeds expectations.

**PA (Pass)** is a permanent grade, assigned by the faculty member(s) responsible for the course, which denotes student performance meets expectations.

**PR (Pass with Remediation)** is a permanent grade assigned by the faculty member(s) responsible for the course, which denotes that student performance meets expectations after remediation of previously failed component. This grade will be used beginning in August 2017.

**FL (Fail)** is a permanent grade, assigned by the faculty member(s) responsible for the course, which denotes student performance does not meet expectations. Students who are assigned a grade of “Fail” for a required course will need to either retake the course or will be dismissed from the medical school.

**I (Incomplete)** is a temporary grade, assigned by the faculty member(s) responsible for the course, which indicates work in the course is incomplete. If a student is unable to complete a course due to circumstances beyond his or her control (e.g., an emergent illness in which the student is incapacitated), the student may receive an Incomplete if s/he is in good standing in that course. The Course Director will provide a written plan for the student to complete the course by completing the **Request for Re-examination/Remediation of Incomplete Grades form** with signatures from the student, Course Director and Associate Dean for Medical Education and an identified date for remediation of the Incomplete. The form is submitted to the OUWB Director of Records and Registration. If the Incomplete is not remediated within the stated time frame (not to exceed one calendar year), the “Incomplete” will become a Fail grade.

**W (Withdraw)** is a permanent grade, assigned by the faculty member(s) responsible for the course, in any course in which the student withdraws prior to completion of the course. The grade can be assigned at any time prior to the completion of a course. Students who are assigned a grade of “Withdraw” will be required to retake the course.

## **Related Policies and Forms:**

[Grade Appeal Procedure](#)

[Satisfactory Academic Progress to Maintain Enrollment Eligibility](#)

[Satisfactory Academic Progress to Maintain Financial Aid Eligibility](#)

[Standards for Graduation](#)