

Plus/Minus Grading – Student FAQs

Q: When will Plus/Minus grading be implemented?

A: [Policy 26](#) with the grading option of Plus/Minus grading went into effect Fall 2020. Grading scales that reflect the use of Plus/Minus grading for all courses are to be fully implemented by the start of the **Summer 2021 session**.

Q: How will **quality points** for the GPA be assigned to Plus/Minus grades?

A: As identified in the [Academic Catalog](#):

A	= 4.00	B+	= 3.3	C+	= 2.3	D+	= 1.3
A-	= 3.7	B	= 3.00	C	= 2.00	D	= 1.00
		B-	= 2.7	C-	= 1.7	D-	= 0.7
						F	= 0.00

Q: I entered Governors State University under a catalog before the Fall 2020 semester, so **does Plus/Minus grading apply to me?**

A: **Yes**, starting Fall 2020 semester, the use of Plus/Minus grades was available. Beginning in the **Summer 2021 session**, Plus/Minus grades will be fully implemented **for all students, both undergraduate and graduate**.

Q: How will Plus/Minus grading affect my **previous grades?**

A: Grades received prior to the implementation of Plus/Minus grading will remain as they were originally earned. The quality points and GPA associated with those grades will remain the same as well. **Plus/Minus grading will only apply to grades earned beginning Fall 2020 semester.**

Q: How will Plus/Minus grading affect **my academic standing?**

A: The **current GPA thresholds** utilized at the University level to determine academic status **will remain the same**. You may refer to the individual [Bachelor](#), [Master](#), [Specialist](#), and [Doctoral](#) Degree Requirements sections of the university catalog for specific GPA requirements. Please note that GPA thresholds currently defined as a grade of C or B are considered the basic form of those letter grades: **C = 2.0 and B = 3.0**.

Q: How will Plus/Minus grading affect **course prerequisites or program requirements based on GPA?**

A: **Existing thresholds currently defined as a grade of C or B are considered the basic form of those letter grades: C = 2.0 and B = 3.0**. Therefore, **grades of C- or B- are not accepted** as meeting course prerequisites or program requirements where the grade requirement is C or better or B or better.

Q: How will the **transcript** be changed to reflect Plus/Minus grading?

A: A **notation will be made on the transcript** indicating that the University adopted Plus/Minus grading for all students effective Fall 2020 semester.

Q: Will **Plus/Minus** grading apply to **all students** at GSU?

A: Plus/Minus grading will apply to **both undergraduate and graduate students**.

Q: **Are faculty members required to use Plus/Minus** grading in all classes once Plus/Minus grading is fully implemented?

A: **Yes**. The Plus/Minus grading system identified above was approved as official university policy and, once fully implemented, is required for **all** undergraduate and graduate level coursework.