

Grade Modes

Mason uses grade modes to enforce grading policies. Modes are set at the catalog level; sections carry that mode by default, and the mode carries forward to registered students. However, a student within a course may have permission to take the course for audit (AU) or credit without grade (S/NC). This changes the individual student's grade mode, thus further restricting the grades he or she can receive.

Patriot Web grading is designed with internal validation controlled by these grade modes. The grade mode for each student is shown on the grade and attendance rosters in Patriot Web and INB. Only valid grades according to grade mode are displayed in the drop down "grades" box on the web grade roster.

Students who have received permission to withdraw will show a grade of W pre-printed on the roster. Grades of W may only be administratively assigned. If the W does not appear, another grade must be assigned. Guidance for assigning an alternate grade may be obtained on the Grading FAQ's. Click HELP on the Patriot Web roster, or see <http://registrar.gmu.edu/faculty/index.html>.

Grades shown below are valid external grades. Administrative grades of SA, NA and HC are available to students in all courses via web grading, but are for internal use only. These notations frequently serve deans and administrators in student services. SA (stopped attending) and NA (never attended) are transformed to grades of F on a transcript. HC (honor charge) is transformed to a grade of NR (not reported).

Grade Mode Definition of Allowable Grades

U: Undergraduate grading

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F, IN*, AB

G: Graduate grading

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, F, IN, AB

F: Special graduate grading

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, F, IN, AB, S, NC, IP

B: Special undergraduate grading ENGL100, ENGL101

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, NC, AB, IN*, IP*

I: Special undergraduate grading (BIS 490 & other approved undergraduate courses)

A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, F, AB, IN*, IP*

S: Satisfactory/ No Credit

S, NC, AB, IN*, IP*

Other modes:

A – Audit (the only grade possible is AU, even if the student never attended the course)

L - Law

T - Transfer

X - Not Gradable

Y - Not for Credit

* The grade of IP (in-progress) is only allowed in certain courses as shown above. A grade of IN (incomplete) is usually the appropriate grade for missing work, and calculates as an F while on the student's record. *IN and IP should not be assigned as mid-term grades.