

**Granite State College**  
**Office of Graduate Studies**  
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The Office of Graduate Studies recognizes grading as one of the responsibilities of each individual instructor and firmly believes that the right of each instructor to determine the grading policy for his or her course should be preserved and protected. On the other hand, the Office of Graduate Studies feels that the adoption of different policies for the assignments and courses offered by the same academic division, or policies which tend to make the interpretation of grades impossible, is unfair to the students.

The dilemma between the requirements of academic freedom and those of fairness to the students can be solved, in the opinion of the Office of Graduate Studies, by putting forth grading guidelines for graduate assignments and courses. The Office of Graduate Studies has set forth the following guidelines for grading in graduate courses.

The requirements of a  $GPA \geq 3.0$  for the M.S. degree should be reflected in the grading policy as follows:

**Grades routinely awarded for assignments and courses are:**

A, A- A	A is awarded for work that is at an exceptionally high level for a graduate degree. A- indicates a high, but not exceptional level of quality.
B+, B, B-	B is awarded for work that is at the expected level for a graduate degree. B+ or B- indicates quality that is slightly above or below the expected level, respectively.
C+, C, C-	C is awarded for work that is fair, but below the expected level for a graduate degree. C+ or C- indicates quality that is slightly above or below the expected level, respectively.
F	F This grade is awarded for work that is at a failing level.