

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Policy and Procedures Manual**

ITEM 126-105-R0305 Attachment

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Policy 3XXX – Minimum Course Grades
Effective: XXX

Board Policy:

- 1) The minimum grade for classes used as free or elective credits, to satisfy the graduation requirements for an associate or baccalaureate degree, will be a “D-“ or better.
- 2) The minimum grade for classes used to satisfy the General Education requirement will be a “C-“ or better, to correspond with the grade standards established in Policy 301.10, Section 5.
- 3) Individual programs may establish minimum grade standards for some or all of the courses that are used to satisfy the pre-requisites or requirements of a major, minor, option, certificate or general education. Students will be notified of that expectation. If a program does not exercise this option,
 - a) the minimum grade will be a “D-“ or better for pre-requisite courses or required classes in a major, minor, option or certificate; and
 - b) the minimum grade for classes used to satisfy General Education requirements will be a “C-“ or better, as specified in Section 2.

To assist with the notification expectation, campuses will provide the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education with information about the programs from their institution that have exercised this option. The Commissioner's office will maintain a list of all such programs so the information is available to students and other units of the Montana University System.

- 4) Students are required to meet the overall Montana University System standard of a 2.00 grade point average for satisfactory academic progress, as specified in Policy 301.8.

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Policy 3XXX – Minimum Course Grades
Effective: XXX

Board Policy:

- 1) The minimum grade for classes used as free or elective credits, to satisfy the graduation requirements for an associate or baccalaureate degree, will be a “C-“ or better.
- 2) The minimum grade for classes used to satisfy the General Education requirement will be a “C-“ or better, to correspond with the grade standards established in Policy 301.10, Section 5.
- 3) Individual programs may establish minimum grade standards for some or all of the courses that are used to satisfy the pre-requisites or requirements of a major, minor, option, certificate or general education. Students will be notified of that expectation. If a program does not exercise this option,
 - a) the minimum grade will be a “C-“ or better for pre-requisite courses or classes in a major, minor, option or certificate; and
 - b) the minimum grade for classes used to satisfy General Education requirements will be a “C-“ or better, as specified in Section 2.

To assist with the notification expectation, campuses will provide the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education with information about the programs from their institution that have exercised this option. The Commissioner’s office will maintain a list of all such programs so the information is available to students and other units of the Montana University System.

- 4) Students are required to meet the overall Montana University System standard of a 2.00 grade point average for satisfactory academic progress, as specified in Policy 301.8.

**MONTANA BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
Policy and Procedures Manual**

SUBJECT: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Policy 3XXX – Minimum Course Grades
Effective: XXX

Board Policy:

- 1) All students in the Montana University System and the three (3) community colleges must earn the following minimum grades in order to demonstrate their competency and preparation:
 - a) a “D-“ or better in all classes that are used to satisfy so-called free or elective credits in an associate or baccalaureate degree program;
 - b) a “C-“ or better in all classes that are used to satisfy a general education program;
 - c) a “C-“ or better in all classes that are used to satisfy the pre-requisites or required courses in a major, minor, option or certificate.
- 2) All campuses of the Montana University System and the three (3) community colleges will adopt a grading system that includes the use of pluses and minuses, in addition to letter grades.
- 3) Students are required to meet the overall Montana University System standard of a 2.00 grade point average for satisfactory academic progress, as specified in Policy 301.8.