

Revision to **R&P 3.8.1 Definitions of Grades**

Version 3

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Current R&P 3.8.1 text:

“Courses in which grades of F, W, N, X, Z, or NR are recorded do not meet prerequisite requirements.”

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Courses in which grades of F, W, ~~N, X, Z~~, or NR are recorded do not meet prerequisite requirements. *The parenthetical grade included with a N, X, or Z grade can be used to meet the prerequisite requirements of a course or program.*

Problem: In an emergency situation – coronavirus, snowstorm, electricity outage, etc. – it is possible that a large number of students will fail to complete a substantial part of their course possibly including the final exam. And it may not be possible for most/all of these students to make up the missing element or take a makeup exam before the beginning of the next semester. According to R&P, incomplete grades do not meet prerequisite requirements which means that students will have to do late-adds after the makeup exam grades are posted. As a result, there is the possibility that they will not be able get into a needed class because it is full. This may also delay graduation.

Note: N(grade), X(grade), or Z(grade) are assigned if a student has failed to complete one or more course requirements, N(grade); the student is absent from the final exam, X(grade); or the student was both absent from the final AND failed to complete one or more course requirements, Z(grade).

The parenthetical grade is calculated assuming that the student receives a F or zero score in the missing final exam or course requirement. For example, a grade of X(C-) means that if the student fails to makeup the final exam that he or she missed then the student will receive a C-grade after the tenth day of instruction in the next academic semester. (R&P 3.8.2 and 3.8.3)