

## Proposed Revision of R&P section 3.8.1 Definitions of Grades

### **Current Language:**

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- A, A-, excellent;
- B+, B, B-, good;
- C+ and C, competent;
- C-, continuation competency (the student has achieved the level of proficiency needed for the course to satisfy prerequisite requirements);
- D+, D, D-, passing, but performance is not adequate to take any subsequent course which has the course in which these grades were received as a prerequisite. A student must follow the procedures in 3.12.3 to waive the prerequisite;
- P, pass-fail grading with a grade equivalent to D- or higher;
- F, failing;
- N, incomplete;
- X, absent from the final examination;
- Z, absent from the final examination and incomplete.

Other symbols used for courses on student records are:

- Cr, credit allowed;
- NCr, no credit awarded (because coursework, while not necessarily evaluated as “failing”, did not meet the standards of a particular program in which “Cr” is the designation for successful completion);
- W, withdrawn.

Grades in the range of A through D-, P, and Cr may be credited toward baccalaureate degrees within the limits of program requirements.

Grades of F, N, X, Z, W, and NR cannot be credited toward degree. Grades of F that have not been bettered through repetition of the course must be included in computation of hours attempted. Grades of W do not count as hours attempted.

Courses in which grades of F, W, 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.

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DCr, credit allowed but does not meet prerequisite requirements;

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### **Rationale:**

The definitions of grades should be clarified so that anyone seeking to know the meaning of DCr on a transcript will be able to find it. Note that Cr and NCr grades were already included in the definitions because of their use by the South Mountain program.