

NUCES Grading Policy wef Spring 2020

The University will adopt a transparent Grading Policy with effect from Spring 2020. Either Absolute Grading Scheme or Relative Grading Scheme, as defined below, will be used in all undergraduate courses. All teachers will mention the scheme that they will use in the course outline.

Percentage of total marks obtained in a course will be rounded to the nearest integer before assigning a grade.

Absolute Grading Scheme:

Total Marks [%]	Grade
≥ 90	A+
86-89	A
82-85	A-
78-81	B+
74-77	B
70-73	B-
66-69	C+
62-65	C
58-61	C-
54-57	D+
50-53	D
≤ 49	F

Relative Grading Scheme:

- i. Following grades will be given on class average:
 - a) C+ if class average is below 50%
 - b) B- if class average is between 50% and 64%
 - c) B if class average is 65% or more
- ii. Flex will show class average as well as modified class average for total marks obtained in a course. Modified Class Average (MCA) will be calculated after removing outliers using Interquartile Range (IQR) Method. This modified class average or MCA will be used in this scheme, as it is a better measure of central tendency of data.
- iii. Each grade will be spread over 5% points (except extreme grades F and A+) with MCA providing a reference point. Examples are given in Table-1 below.
- iv. Standard deviation will not be used in this scheme, as distribution of marks is almost never normal (bell-shaped).
- v. 50% marks in any course will guarantee a passing grade. 90% marks in any course will guarantee an A grade.
- vi. Passing a student with less than 30% marks or awarding an A grade below 65% marks will require approval from the HOD.

- vii. Courses where MCA (class average after removing outliers) is below 40% or above 75% will be reviewed by HOD for possible improvements.

Modified Class Average (MCA) will be rounded to the nearest integer. This integer will be the middle point of the grade given on MCA. Table-1 lists the starting points for grades for different MCAs. Starting score for grade on MCA is in bold font. All grades are at intervals of $\pm 5\%$ points, except where clauses (v) or (vi) apply.

Table-1: Examples

S. No.	Rounded MCA [%]	Range for grade on MCA	F	D	D+	C-	C	C+	B-	B	B+	A-	A	A+
1	40	38-42	≤ 29	-	-	30	33	38	43	48	53	58	65	≥ 70
2	46	44-48	≤ 29	-	30	34	39	44	49	54	59	64	69	≥ 74
3	53	51-55	≤ 29	30	31	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	≥ 76
4	59	57-61	≤ 31	32	37	42	47	52	57	62	67	72	77	≥ 82
5	68	66-70	≤ 35	36	41	46	51	56	61	66	71	76	81	≥ 86
6	75	73-77	≤ 42	43	48	53	58	63	68	73	78	83	88	≥ 93
7	84	82-86	≤ 49	50	57	62	67	72	77	82	87	-	90	≥ 95

Note: Example no. 7 is not likely, but possible.