

# Terms You Need to Know

## A-F Plus/Minus Grading Scale

SDSU uses an A-F plus/minus grading scale. The decimal values of plus and/or minus grades are calculated in the grade point averages. The values are listed under University Policies in the General Catalog.

## Academic Probation

Academic probation occurs when your overall cumulative grade point average and/or your SDSU grade point average fall below a 2.0.

## Academic Disqualification

Once on academic probation, academic disqualification occurs if you fail to earn a 2.0 or higher grade point average in your SDSU coursework or if you still have less than a 2.0 GPA in all work attempted at SDSU at the end of your third semester on probation. Students who have been disqualified from SDSU are not allowed to attend SDSU for one academic year and must apply for readmission.

## Assignment of Grades and Appeals

Faculty have the right and responsibility to provide evaluation and timely assignment of appropriate grades. All grades assigned are assumed to be correct. It is the responsibility of anyone appealing an assigned grade to demonstrate otherwise.

If you believe that an inappropriate grade has been assigned, you should first seek to resolve the matter with the instructor. If the matter cannot be resolved, you may present the case to the appropriate campus entity, have it reviewed and receive a grade correction if justified.

It is your responsibility to attempt to resolve grade disputes in a timely manner, typically in the semester following the term the questioned grade was received. If twelve or more months have elapsed since the grade was issued, or if you have graduated, no grade changes will be considered.

## Course Forgiveness

You may repeat a course in which you have received a grade of C- or lower and forgive the original grade. To do this, you must apply for course forgiveness at the Office of the Registrar at the beginning of the semester you are repeating the course. Refer to the University Policies section in the General Catalog for rules and limitations.

## Course Numbering

**80-99** do not count toward unit requirements but may meet other graduation requirements.

**100-299** are lower division (freshmen and sophomores).

**300-599** are upper division (juniors and seniors).

## Grade Point Average (GPA)

To compute your GPA, divide the total number of grade points by the total number of units attempted. Four averages, each 2.0 or higher, are required for graduation. To meet impacted major requirements, your GPA must be much higher than 2.0.

**SDSU GPA:** An average based on all courses attempted at SDSU.

**Cumulative GPA:** An average based on all courses attempted at SDSU and approved transferable courses at other universities, liberal arts colleges, and community colleges.

**Major GPA:** An average based on all upper division courses attempted in the major department. Upper division courses required for the major but taught outside the major department will also be included in the average.

**Minor GPA:** An average based on all units applicable to a minor.

## Prerequisite

You must satisfy specified course or exam requirements prior to beginning some courses.

## Schedule Adjustment Deadlines

There are two separate schedule adjustment deadlines each semester:

1. The last day to **drop** classes is 6 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester.
2. The last day to **add classes, change grading basis, or withdraw from the university** is 6 p.m. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the semester.

## Unofficial Withdrawal

If you stop attending classes without filing official withdrawal forms by the schedule adjustment deadline, then you will receive failing grades in all courses that you stop attending.