



GEISEL SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT DARTMOUTH

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LEBANON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
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DOCTOR OF MEDICINE GRADING SYSTEM:

Prior to September 1985: Students are graded Honors/Pass/Fail.

Effective September 1985: With the Year I class entering in September 1985, students are graded Honors/High Pass/Pass/Fail.

Effective June 1993: Year I and II students are graded Honors/Pass/Fail. Year III and IV students continue to be graded Honors/High Pass/Pass/Fail. **Effective August 2009:** Year I students graded Pass/Fail only. **Effective August 2011:** Year II students graded Pass/Fail only.

Electives: Prior to July 1983: Pass/Fail. July 1983 – June 1988: Honors/Pass/Fail. Beginning in July 1988: Honors/High Pass/Pass/Fail.

Explanation of Grades:

H: Honors, indicates work quality which is distinctly superior to that normally expected.

HP: High Pass, indicates work of quality which is clearly above that normally expected.

P: Pass, indicates work of good quality, worthy of graduate credit.

F: Fail, a grade of Fail will be awarded when performance on required tasks does not meet passing standards as established at the beginning of the course by the Course Director. Failure to submit required work on time (in the absence or excuse approved by the Course Director) and grossly improper conduct (e.g., cheating, plagiarism) may also be grounds for Failure.

INC: Incomplete, a grade of Incomplete will be awarded when performance cannot be assessed because of failure to submit required work due to an absence or excuse approved by the Course Director (e.g., absences due to personal or family illness). The grade is distinct from, and not to be used in place of, Fail. The Course Director will set the work which must be accomplished in order to convert a grade of Incomplete to a Passing grade.

CR: Credit, credit is given for a required course through demonstrated proficiency, with approval from the appropriate department.

EX: Exempt, students who have had intensive and extensive exposure to Biochemistry are offered an exempting exam for Fall Term Biochemistry. In addition to passing the exam, students are expected to be fluent in the subject matter.

NRC: Indicates a Non Required Course (usually an elective in Year I or Year II), which has been satisfactorily completed but is not assigned credit toward fulfillment of degree requirements.

PAS: Indicates a passing grade for a course which is Pass/Fail.

W: Indicates withdrawal from a course.

**** or IP:** Indicates a multi-term course for which a grade is given upon completion of the last term.

*****: An asterisk next to a grade indicates that the course has been repeated.

ASY: Indicates Academic Scholar Year and is typically not assigned credit.

MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH GRADING SYSTEM:

The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy & Clinical Practice (Effective August 2007: Name changed from The Center for the Evaluative Clinical Sciences at Dartmouth Medical School).

Explanation of Grades:

HP: High Pass, indicates work of quality that is distinctly superior to that normally expected of a graduate student. Denotes high standing and satisfactory progress.

P: Pass, indicating work of good quality, worthy of graduate credit. This would be the most common grade, denoting satisfactory progress.

LP: Low Pass, indicates work which is acceptable for graduate credit, but in which the student exhibited one or more serious deficiencies.

Only two LP grades are acceptable for degree credit. If a student receives two LP grades, he or she will be placed on probation.

NC: No Credit, indicates work, which is not acceptable for graduate credit and automatically places the student on probation.

INC: Incomplete, indicates work still in progress. Incomplete is a temporary notation placed on a student's record to indicate that the work has not yet been completed and therefore a grade has not been submitted by the instructor.

ON: The designation ON (On-going) on rare occasion, may be used on transcripts when course work necessarily extends beyond the limit of a single term.

CT: Credit, indicating satisfactory work in certain courses, such as research courses, in which assignment of a grade of HP, P, or LP is considered inappropriate. The grade CT is the only passing grade in a course in which it is used.

TO TEST FOR AUTHENTICITY: Translucent icons of a globe *MUST* appear when held toward a light source. The face of this transcript is printed on green SCRIP-SAFE[®] paper.

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