

REPORT OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS

- I. For the Senate's information the Committee presents the following changes in entrance, progression and retention policies for the College of Journalism.

COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM  
CATALOG ENTRY  
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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to a program of study in the College of Journalism, a student must meet all University requirements for admission, and must predict a GPR of 2.2.

Typing Proficiency. Because all assignments in the College of Journalism must be typewritten, many of them in the classroom or laboratory, students must be able to type with reasonable skill, accuracy and speed at the beginning of their sophomore year. Evidence of proficiency may be established by passing the Journalism typing test, or by completing a University course in typing. The only typing course approved for elective credit is GSTD 140. This course must be passed with a grade of "C" or higher, and may not be taken for credit after a student completes JOUR 301L.

Journalism majors must pass ENGL 101 and 102 with a "C" or higher grade before taking Journalism 301, 301L.

Transfer Students. A student transferring from another institution must take at least half of the Journalism course work in residence at the University. Students desiring to transfer to the College of Journalism whether from the University system or from other colleges and universities, must have a minimum 2.2 GPR.

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

All students within the College are expected to make orderly progress toward their degree. To facilitate this, the College undergraduate program is divided into Upper and Lower Divisions.

1. Lower Division students are those who have earned fewer than 60 semester hours, or who do not meet admission requirements to the Upper Division. Lower Division students may not enroll in advanced or required Journalism courses beyond the core in any sequence.
2. Admission to the Upper Division is based upon a minimum 2.200 cumulative GPR on all courses attempted; completion of JOUR 301, 301L; 60 or more semester hour completed; selection of a particular sequence within the College; and formal approval of the sequence chairman.
3. Upper Division students must maintain a minimum of 2.200 cumulative GPR in order to be eligible to continue as a student in the College. Student records will be reviewed at the end of the spring semester. Those Upper Division students who fall below a 2.200 cumulative GPR will be notified that they are ineligible to continue as a major in the College unless they bring their GPR up to a 2.200 by the end of the second summer term. Those failing to do so will be automatically transferred to the Center for Undeclared majors prior to the start of the fall semester.

- 4. All students within the College are subject to the University suspension rules as stated in the Catalog. Students whose GPR was less than a 2.200 at the time of their suspension will not be readmitted to the College until such time as their GPR is raised to a 2.200 higher.
- 5. All majors in the College of Journalism will be expected to pass all required Journalism courses with a grade of C or better. Otherwise, he/she will be required to repeat the course. In order to graduate a student must have a minimum 2.2 GPR in all Journalism courses.

Candidates for graduation from the College shall present the Dean with 120 semester hours of courses which shall meet all academic requirements, and on which the student must have a minimum 2.200 GPR.

- II. The Committee proposes the following policy governing class attendance:

CLASS ATTENDANCE

- Defeated

Punctual and regular attendance in class is essential for a student's education. Therefore students are expected to attend all classes and absences from class will be recorded on a class roll. When absences exceed twice the number of scheduled class meetings a week or three class meetings in a summer term ~~the grade of F will be assigned.~~

*Students who wish may include the grade of F may not be applied*

(The number of allowable absences in classes offered for part semesters or terms is proportional to the preceding numbers).  
Colleges of the University may impose more restrictive attendance requirements but a faculty member may not vary the University or college regulations. In the absence of specific college regulations, the University requirements apply. A professor will notify classes of applicable attendance regulations.

- III. The Committee recommends the following changes in academic regulations dealing with the grade of W.

- Withdrawn

Grade of W.

Current policy:

W is assigned for withdrawal from a course during the first six weeks of a semester (excluding the late registration period). In exceptional cases, the grade will be used after the first six weeks of a semester primarily in cases of withdrawal from the University or from a course for medical reasons. (See section on "Dropping a Course.") A grade of "W" will not enter into the evaluation of suspension conditions or in grade-point ratio computation.

Proposed Policy:

W is assigned for withdrawal from a course if a student withdraws from it fourteen (14) calendar days after, and including, the first official class day in a semester. In exceptional cases, the grade will be used after the first six weeks of a semester

primarily in cases of withdrawal from the University or from a course for medical reasons. (See section on "Dropping a Course.") A grade of "W" will not enter into the evaluation of suspension conditions or in grade-point ratio computation.

The grade of W is assigned during shortened semesters for a period equal to one-seventh (1/7) the number of class hours.

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<sup>1</sup>Courses dropped during this period will not be recorded on a student's permanent record.

#### Grade of WF

Withdrawal from a course during the first six weeks of a semester (excluding this period) will be recorded on a student's permanent record, but will not enter into computation of hours attempted, grade-point ratio, or any other totals. In summer sessions and other shortened semesters, this period will be one-seventh the total number of class days instead of six weeks. (See section on "Withdrawals.")

For the Senate's information the policy on the grade of WF is as follows:

WF is assigned for withdrawal from a course after the first six weeks of a semester (the deadline prescribed in the University's academic calendar for withdrawal without penalty), and is treated as an "F" in the evaluation of suspension conditions and grade-point ratio computation.

#### Pass Fail Grading

##### Current Policy:

The Pass-Fail program is designed to encourage students to investigate fields outside of their major curriculum in which they have a specific personal interest without affecting their grade point ratio. The only grades assigned on courses taken under the Pass-Fail option are S and U; a grade of S indicates satisfactory performance. A student will be given credit for courses in which the grade of S is earned, but these courses will not affect the computation of GPR.

Specific provisions of the Pass-Fail program are as follows:

1. The Pass-Fail grading system is in effect for an indefinite period of time, subject to periodic review.
2. The Pass-Fail option is available to all undergraduate students except those whose semester or cumulative GPR is less than 2.00.
3. Students are permitted to exercise the Pass-Fail option only on free elective courses.
4. Students are permitted to take no more than eight courses on a Pass-Fail basis during their undergraduate career.
5. The option is offered on all courses at the undergraduate level.
6. A student wishing to exercise the option must have the permission of the dean of his college and his academic adviser.
7. The option may be elected or revoked by the student no later than the last date for withdrawing from the course without a penalty.
8. Normal prerequisites may be waived for students taking a course on a Pass-Fail basis.
9. Courses taken under this option will be excluded from the calculation of the GPR.
10. A grade of S will be entered by the Office of the Registrar from a regularly assigned passing grade; a failing grade will be registered as U.

Proposed Policy:

The current policy remains the same except for #7.

7. The option may be elected or revoked by a student no later than the fourteenth day after, and including, the first official class day in a semester.