

GRADES & GRADE POINTS

Student performance is indicated by one of seven grades. Grades, which carry a point value and which are used in determining the grade point average (GPA) are as follows:

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A = Excellent	4 grade points per unit
B = Good	3 grade points per unit
C = Satisfactóry	2 grade points per unit
D = Passing-less than	I grade point per unit
satisfactory	
F = Failing	0 grade points per unit

The grade point average is calculated by dividing the number of grade points by the number of units attempted for the grades of A, B, C, D, or F.

The following grades are not part of the GPA calculation:

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Unit credit granted	
No units granted	
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An "E" to the far right of a course indicates that the grade has been excluded from the GPA calculation. The reason for the exclusion may be notated as follows:

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ACDRNL	Academic renewal
HS	High school credit only
UR	Unauthorized repeat

OTHER NOTATIONS

APL = Assessment of Prior Learning
CE = Credit by Exam
(1) = Course taken during Winter Intersession
FAA = Title 14 CFR 147 Approved Program
@ = Academic Renewal (Prior to 1989)
R = Repeat (Prior to 1989)

*Orange Coast College is on a semester system.

ACADEMIC HONORS

President's List- Student completed a semester of at least 12 units in courses awarding letter grades and in which a GPA of 4.0 was earned.

Dean's List- Student completed a semester of at least 12 units in courses awarding letter grades and in which a GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 was earned.

Honors List- Student completed a semester of 6.0 to 11.99 units in courses awarding letter grades and in which a GPA of 3.75 to 4.0 was earned.

COURSE REPETITION POLICY

Prior to Spring 2008, skill-building courses designated with AB, AC, or AD, which could be repeated for credit, were notated as follows:

AB = could be taken twice for credit
AC = could be taken three times for credit
AD= could be taken four times for credit
As of spring 2008, skill-building courses, which may be repeated for credit, are notated with an "I" to the far right of the course.

Students may repeat a credit course in which they have received a substandard grade (D, F, or NP). When such repetition has taken place, the prior grade will be disregarded in the grade point calculation and noted with an "E" to the far right.

ACCREDITATION AND APPROVALS

Orange Coast.College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, a nationally recognized regional accrediting agency. The college and its instructional programs are also approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges and by the State Department of Education for training veterans. In addition, certain programs are accredited or approved by other recognized accrediting agencies (see college catalog or website for specific agencies).

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

By authorization of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, Orange Coast College confers the Associate in Arts degree and/or the Associate in Science degree on students who complete a minimum of sixty (60) units with an overall GPA of at least 2.0. In addition, the college awards the Certificate of Achievement to students who successfully complete the required courses (minimum of 18 units) under a certificate program.

DATABASE CONVERSION

In November 2007, the Coast Community College District converted to a new database. As a result, the following changes took place to all academic history (courses from 1989 forward):

An "A" was added to all the course numbers (i.e. ENGL 100 changed to ENGL A100)

Incompletes were expanded to include the grade that the incomplete will revert to in one year if the student does not make up the coursework with the instructor (i.e. ID = incomplete which will revert to a "D" in one year if the student does not make up missing coursework)

Prior to 1989 the Associate of Arts was posted as a date in the "Date of Orange Coast College Graduation" box at top right.

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