

# University of California, Merced

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## Accreditation

UC Merced is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

## Course Numbering

1	-	99	Lower Division Courses
100	-	199	Upper Division Courses
200	-	299	Graduate Courses
300	-	399	Professional Courses for Teachers
400	-	499	Other Professional Courses

## Grading System

Grades		Quality Points
A+	Excellent	4.0
A	Excellent	4.0
A-	Excellent	3.7
B+	Good	3.3
B	Good	3.0
B-	Good	2.7
C+	Fair	2.3
C	Fair	2.0
C-	Fair	1.7
D+	Barely passing	1.3
D	Barely Passing	1.0
D-	Barely passing	0.7
F	Not Passing	0.0
P	Passed with minimum C- (undergraduate only)	
S	Satisfactory with minimum B (graduate only)	
NP	Not Passed	
U	Unsatisfactory	
I	Incomplete	
IP	In Progress	
NR	No Report; when instructor fails to report a grade	

Courses graded P, NP, S, U, I, IP, or NR carry no grade points and the units in the course so graded are excluded in the determination of the grade point average.

**Grade Point Average (GPA):** A student's GPA is computed on courses undertaken in the University of California. GPA is calculated by dividing the sum of earned quality points by the sum of attempted units for all courses receiving a grade used in calculating the GPA.

## Calendar

The University of California, Merced is on the semester system. The academic year is divided into two semesters and multiple summer sessions during the summer term.

## Semester Unit

The unit of measure for academic purposes is the semester unit.

## Official Transcript

A transcript is official only when printed on special security paper with a blue background, the seal of the University of California, and the signature of the University Registrar.

## Repetition of Courses

A student may repeat only those courses in which a grade of D+, D, D-, F, U, or NP was received. Undergraduate courses in which a grade of D+, D, D- or F has been earned may not be repeated with the P/NP option. Similarly, graduate courses in which a C+, C, C-, D, or F grade is earned may not be repeated with the S/U option. In computing grade point averages of an undergraduate who repeats a course in which he/she received a D or F, only the most recently earned grade and grade points shall be used for the first 16 units repeated. In the case of further repetitions, the grade point average shall be based on all grades assigned and total units attempted. An I in the RPT column signifies a course has been repeated and included in the determination of the grade point average. An E in the RPT column signifies a course which has been repeated. An A in the RPT column signifies a course which has been repeated, the units excluded in total units earned and the grade included in the determination of the grade point average.

## Withdrawal and Transfer

All attempted course work appears on the transcript. Students who drop or withdraw after the 15th day of instruction for the term will receive a W notation in the course grade field. Transfer work must be university level and earn a grade of at least D-.

## Privacy Notice

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## Degrees Awarded

Degrees are posted to student records within eight weeks of the end of the term in which the degrees were completed.

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