Grading Policy

Final course grades in the College of Pharmacy are assigned by faculty based upon the grading system outlined in individual course syllabi. Grades entered by faculty at the end of each semester are recorded and transcripted by the ISU Registrar’s Office. Standard letter grade point assignments (A = 4.0, B = 3.0, C = 2.0, etc) are utilized for GPA calculations. For those courses graded S/U (satisfactory or unsatisfactory) the grade point assignment will be zero. Final grades of “U” will not be applied toward meeting the graduation requirements for the PharmD degree, and will likely prevent progression. An “I” (incomplete) grade will be assigned for work not completed at the time grades are due to be submitted to the Registrar. Students generally have one year to complete the course work to rectify a grade of “I”; instructors must initiate a change of grade form for these students or they automatically change to an “F” or “U” grade. The W (withdraw) grade is assigned when a student has officially withdrawn from courses prior to the end of the term. Students may not selectively withdraw from a single course or group of courses without approval from the Associate Dean.

GPA Calculation

Grade Point Averages (GPAs) are calculated for every Doctor of Pharmacy student every semester. The pharmacy GPA includes only the required professional courses plus the first six (6) credits of pharmacy electives. If a student is in a joint degree program, the pharmacy GPA includes graduate level coursework that fulfills pharmacy electives. Once the six (6) elective credits are fulfilled, additional elective coursework is not considered in order to calculate the pharmacy GPA.

If a course is repeated, both the original and second grade will remain on the official ISU transcript, but only the most recent grade will be utilized for College of Pharmacy GPA calculations.