

TO: SUNY Cortland Faculty

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RE: Change in Grading E to F



The Education Policy Committee (EPC) was asked to review SUNY Cortland's current E =0.0 grading scale as found in the College Handbook, Chapter 415: General Academic Policies and Regulations section 415.02, and the College Catalog, Academic Polices – Quality Points/Grade Point Average, undergraduate and graduate.

Based on research from other SUNY campuses (<https://www.suny.edu/campuses/>), we found that Cortland is one of only six SUNY campus utilizing an E within their grading scale. EPC suggests changing the grade of E to a grade of F. The F would indicate failure of a course for which no quality points would be awarded, exactly as the E is currently used. This change would continue to align our grading system with other institutions and clear up confusion from students and parents about what an "E" means. In addition, data from the vetting process confirmed that there is a consensus in this change with 100% of the 53 respondents confirming this change is warranted and somewhat past due.

EPC is recommending the following change, retire the use of the E=0.0 and replace with F=0.0, to be effective in the 2018 – 2019 catalog.

Recommendation Presented to the Catalog and Handbook:

Quality Points/Grade Point Average

A student's level of scholarship is determined by the following system of quality points per credit hour:

A+ = 4.3	B+ = 3.3	C+ = 2.3	D+ = 1.3	E = 0.0 F = 0.0
A = 4.0	B = 3.0	C = 2.0	D = 1.0	
A- = 3.7	B- = 2.7	C- = 1.7	D- = .7	