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Calendar

The University offers instruction throughout the year during the fall semester, spring semester and summer sessions. Academic calendars are available at www.reg.msu.edu.

Credits

Effective Fall 1992 courses at Michigan State University are offered on a semester basis. One credit is equivalent to one instructor-student contact hour per week per semester plus two hours of study per contact hour; OR two hours of laboratory contact hours per week per semester, plus one additional hour spent in report writing and study; or other combinations of contact and study hours which constitute an equivalent of these experiences. Prior to Fall 1992 courses at Michigan State University were offered on a quarter basis.

To convert to quarter credits, the semester credits should be multiplied by 3/2.

Course Numbering System

001-099 – Non-Credit and Institute of Agricultural Technology Courses
100-299 – Undergraduate Courses
300-499 – Advanced Undergraduate Courses
500-599 – Graduate Courses prior to 1960
500-699 – Graduate – Professional Courses
800-899 – Graduate Courses
900-999 – Advanced Graduate Courses

Honors

An "H" in the Honors column indicates an honors course, honors section of a course, or the student took a non-honors course as honors. The latter indicates additional work was completed beyond normal requirements.

Grading System

The minimum cumulative grade-point average required for graduation is a 2.0 for undergraduate students and 3.0 for graduate students.

The Numerical System: 4.0, 3.5, 3.0, 2.5, 2.0, 1.5, 1.0, 0.0 – Credit is awarded for the following minimum levels – 1.0 for undergraduate students and 2.0 for graduate students. However, all grades are counted in the calculation of the grade-point average.

The Credit-No Credit System: CR-CREDIT – Credit was granted and represents a level of performance equivalent to or above the grade-point average required for graduation. NC-NO CREDIT – No credit was granted and represents a level of performance below the grade-point average required for graduation.

The Pass-No Grade System: P-PASS – Credit was granted and the student achieved a level of performance judged to be satisfactory by the instructor. N-NO GRADE – No credit was granted and the student did not achieve a level of performance judged satisfactory by the instructor.

Other Symbols Used: W-WITHDREW; V-VISITOR; U-UNFINISHED, I-INCOMPLETE; DF-DEFERRED; ET-EXTENSION; NGR-NO GRADE REPORTED; CP-CONDITIONAL PASS; & LDR-LATE DROP.

Grading Systems prior to Fall 1988: Please visit www.reg.msu.edu/transcripts.

Grade Point Average (GPA)

To compute the grade-point average for a semester, multiply the numerical grade by the number of credits for the course to obtain the total grade points. Then divide the total grade points for the semester by the total credits for the semester.

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Courses in which P, I, N, DF, W, ET, CP, CR, NC, U or V have been received do not affect the grade-point average.

Grade Point systems prior to Summer 1972: Please visit www.reg.msu.edu/transcripts.

Repeated Courses

A course repeated is indicated in one of two ways:

1. By an R (Repeat) to the right of the "Descriptive Title", or
2. by an R (Repeat) in the SR column. In this case, you will also see an S (Superseded) in the SR column indicating the course being repeated.

For both formats term credit and grade-point average (GPA) totals are not adjusted for repeats in the term of the superseded course. The summary totals for the level of the student are adjusted to include only the last entry.

Withdrawal

A withdrawal from the University occurs when a student drops all courses within a semester. A student may voluntarily withdraw from the University prior to the end of the twelfth week of a semester or within the first 6/7 of the duration of the student's enrollment in a non-standard term of instruction (calculated in weekdays). Withdrawal is not permitted after these deadlines.

Courses in which the student is enrolled are deleted from the official record if the official voluntary withdrawal is before the middle of the term of instruction. If the official voluntary withdrawal is after the middle of the term of instruction, symbols are assigned by instructors to courses in which the student was enrolled as follows: W (no grade) to indicate passing or no basis for grade regardless of the grading system under which the student is enrolled, N to indicate failing in a course authorized for P-N grading, or 0.0 to indicate failing in a course authorized for numeric grading.