About Clerkship Grading Policies

The course requirements and grading policy are specified in the Clinical Training Manual for clinical rotations.

Academic transcripts reflect an average based on the numeric grades received in each course for all courses taken in terms 1-5.

Quality points are doubled in the WMPG calculations for the core clerkships. Clerkship grades are determined by performance on the wards and clinics (60%), performance on the NBME clinical subject exams (30%); and competency in communication skills (10%). The required sub-internship, Family Medicine/General Practice rotation and electives are graded on a pass/fail basis. The following grade definitions and transcript notations appear on the transcript legend, and in all publications, which outline grading policies:

CLERKSHIP GRADE DESIGNATIONS

Letter Grade	Numeric Grade	Attempted Credits	Earned Credits
A+	97-100	Y	Y
A	93-96	Y	Y
A-	90-92	Y	Y
B+	87-89	Y	Y
B	83-86	Y	Y
B-	80-82	Y	Y
C+	76-79	Y	Y
C	73-75	Y	Y
C-	70-72	Y	Y
F	0-69	Y	N
I		Y	N
W		Y	N
NG		Y	N

Courses are graded as follows in the clinical years:

A+ (Honors) is given to students who proficiently develop the competencies listed in the Clinical Training Manual and receive honors in the NBME Clinical Subject Exam

A is given to students who proficiently develop the competencies listed in the Clinical Training Manual and whose overall performance is good.

B is given to those students who only adequately develop the required competencies and whose overall performance is acceptable.

C is given to those students who barely meet minimum requirements. This grade is, in fact, a "warning" grade and identifies a student who is struggling in medical school and may need remedial work or counseling.

F is given to those students who are not achieving minimum School of Medicine standards.

Clerkship Directors have the option of adding + or – to the above grades based on their opinion. Only A+ requires objective criteria, namely Honors in the relevant NBME Clinical Subject Exam.