

Information regarding courses with ABC/N grading restriction

Information for instructors:

Note that instructors of ABC/N-graded courses must be prepared to assign grades below C, such as C-minus, D-plus, D, D-minus, and F. These grades will appear on a student's academic history with the letter N as a prefix (e.g. ND). The course syllabus must indicate what end-of-course point totals map onto the various below-C grades. The course syllabus must also explain the ABC/N grading restriction to students, using the language given below.

Syllabus language:

This course employs the ABC/N grading system.

If you earn a grade of C or better in this course, that grade will appear on your academic history and will be used in the calculation of your UTK GPA. If you are an in-state student, the grade will also be used in the calculation of your HOPE scholarship GPA.

If your performance in this course corresponds to a grade below C (C-minus, D-plus, D, D-minus, or F), then that grade will appear on your academic history with the letter N as a prefix. For example, if your end-of-term performance corresponds to a grade of D, then the grade ND will appear on your academic history. A grade with the N-prefix will not be used in the calculation of your UTK GPA, but will be used in the calculation of in-state students' HOPE scholarship GPA. If your final grade is an N-prefix grade, the credit hours for this course will be included in your total attempted hours, but not in your total earned hours. This could affect in-state students' eligibility for the HOPE scholarship, and all students' eligibility for other forms of financial aid.

In certain cases, dropping the course with a W may be better for you than earning an N-prefix grade. If you are considering dropping a course with a W, please be aware of the deadline to do so, and consult with your academic advisor prior to dropping the course. If you are concerned about how your financial aid may be impacted by receiving an N-grade or a W, please consult with a counselor from One Stop.