

Guidelines for Student Grades

It is up to you to assign grades to students in your studio and in your courses. While you may consult with departmental colleagues, you should assign grades according to your own judgment and standards. It might be helpful to consult <http://gradedistribution.registrar.indiana.edu/> for historical grade information by course number. (Courses with small enrollment are not listed to protect students' privacy.)

Grade disputes can be minimized by ensuring that the grading criteria are outlined clearly in a syllabus and that those criteria are followed. This applies not only to regular courses, but also to lessons and ensembles.

Undergraduate Grades

1. It is important to note that although graduate students have minimum grade requirements for lessons and recitals, this is not the case for undergraduate students. You may use the full range of grades when assigning lesson and recital grades for undergraduate students. The following guidelines are in place for grading undergraduate upper division exams and may be helpful in considering lesson and recital grades as well.

Majors		Concentrations	
A+ to B	Approved	A+ to B-	Approved
B- to C-	Rehear	C+ to C-	Rehear
D+ to F	Denied	D+ to F	Denied

2. Undergraduates are expected to earn certain minimum grades in some courses. Here is a summary of these requirements:

All Undergraduate Students

- C or higher in T109, T132, T231, T232 and T331.

BME Students

- All BME students must earn a C or higher in EDUC P254, and a C+ or higher in MUS E131, MUS E232 and EDUC M342.
- BME students on the Choral Teaching and General Music Teaching tracks must earn a C+ or higher in EDUC M343.
- BME students on the Instrumental Teaching -Band track must earn a C+ or higher in EDUC M344 and EDUC M434.
- BME students on the Instrumental Teaching -Strings track must earn a C+ or higher in EDUC M344 and EDUC M436.

All Recording Arts Students

- C or higher in A111, A112, A211 and A212.

Miscellaneous

- B+ or higher in E130 is required to pursue a minor in music education
- C or higher in A100 is required for A312 and A330

3. GPA Requirements

- BME students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to graduate
- All other undergraduate students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate
- Scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA

Graduate Grades

Graduate degree and diploma students are expected to earn certain minimum grades; grades below the minimums do not count toward requirements. Grades just below these minimums are the ones that most often lead to disputes and appeals. Here is a brief summary of the requirements; note that some departments have higher standards for certain courses.

Proficiency courses (master's and doctoral degrees)

M501	C or higher
T508 and T511	C or higher; B for composition, choral conducting, orchestral conducting, music theory
T509	C or higher
T545	B or higher when used for Doctoral Styles requirement
V150-250-350	C or higher

Master's degrees

Major (incl. lessons, recitals)	B or higher
Music history requirement	C or higher
Other required credits	C or higher; average of B or higher
Ensemble	B or higher

Doctoral degrees

Major (incl. lessons, recitals)	B or higher
Minors/Other required credits	C or higher; average of B; B in each course in music theory minor
Tool subjects	C or higher (B or higher for some PhD degrees)

Diplomas (PD/AD)

Lessons	A- or higher
Recitals	A- or higher
Chamber Music	A- or higher
Music courses	C or higher
Ensemble	B or higher