NJMS Grading Policy (effective with the Class of 2020 cohort)

Phase I Grading System (Years 1 and 2)

1. All courses during the first two years of medical school will be graded using a categorical system with three levels, except for the Foundations of Body Systems course which will be graded Pass/Fail. These grades are reported to the Registrar’s Office and recorded on the student’s transcript.

   a. Pass “P”– This grade will be awarded to any student who has successfully demonstrated mastery of the course requirements, including learning objectives and professionalism standards.

   b. Conditional Pass “CP”– This grade will be awarded to any student who has not successfully demonstrated mastery of the course requirements, including learning objectives and professionalism standards, but has been recommended to undergo remediation by the course faculty. The remediation would allow a student to further develop his/her understanding of that field of study, which would then be reassessed. If the student successfully demonstrates mastery of the course requirements following remediation, the student will be eligible for promotion to the following year. The grade of “CP” will remain on the student’s transcript. If the student fails to successfully demonstrate mastery of the course requirements after remediation and reassessment, then the “CP” will be converted to an “F” on the students’ transcript. If a grade of “F” is earned, then the student will be required to repeat the course.

   c. Fail “F”- This grade will be awarded to any student who fails to successfully demonstrate mastery of the course requirements and the faculty did not recommend remediation as an option for the student. If a grade of “F” is earned, then the student will be required to repeat the course.

2. In addition to the letter grades above, each student will receive a numerical grade that will be reported to the Registrar’s Office and will become a part of the students’ academic record. The numerical grade will not be displayed on the students’ transcript. All earned numerical grades will be used in calculating summary rankings for various honors (e.g., AOA membership), and for internal purposes of comparing student performances within and across courses. If a student earns a grade of “CP”, the numerical grade associated with the “CP” will be utilized in summary rankings.

Student Ranking

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