

## Grading System

Concordia University uses a letter grade system in the calculation of a student's Grade Point Average (GPA). For convenience, however, most faculty in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment apply a numerical grade system in addition to the letter grade. The numerical base of the letter grade system, as tabulated below in relation to the GPA, will be applied in this course:

<b>A+</b> 90-100% Outstanding (GPA 4.3)	<b>A</b> 85-89% Outstanding (GPA 4.0)	<b>A-</b> 80-84% Outstanding (GPA 3.7)
<b>B+</b> 77-79% Very Good (GPA 3.3)	<b>B</b> 73-76% Very Good (GPA 3.0.)	<b>B-</b> 70-72% Very Good (GPA 2.7)
<b>C+</b> 67-69% Satisfactory (GPA 2.3)	<b>C</b> 63-66% Satisfactory (GPA 2.0)	<b>C-</b> 60-62% Satisfactory (GPA 1.7)
<b>D+</b> 57-59% Marginal Pass (GPA 1.3)	<b>D</b> 53-56% Marginal Pass (GPA 1.0)	<b>D-</b> 50-52% Marginal Pass (GPA 0.7)
<b>F/FNS</b> <50% Fail/ Fail No Supplemental Poor-Failure (GPA 0)	<b>R</b> <20% Repeat Very Poor-Failure (GPA 0)	<b>NR</b> Grade Not Reported (GPA 0)

Students should note that instructors in the Department of Geography, Planning and Environment reserve the right to adjust the final reported grades so that under normal circumstances no more than 25% of students registered in a course receive an outstanding grade.

## Academic Code of Conduct

Students are strongly advised to acquaint themselves with the University's Academic Code of Conduct (see [http://web2.concordia.ca/Legal\\_Counsel/policies/english/AC/Code.html](http://web2.concordia.ca/Legal_Counsel/policies/english/AC/Code.html)):

“Any form of cheating, plagiarism, personation, falsification of a document as well as any other form of dishonest behaviour related to the obtention of academic gain or the avoidance of evaluative exercises committed by a student is an academic offence under this Code” (Concordia University Academic Code of Conduct, 2001).

Please take particular care to cite the sources of your information, ideas, quotations or data; failure to do so results in plagiarism which is defined as “the taking of another person's work and presenting it as your own original thought or research” (Northey and Knight 1992). The use of un-referenced quotations or data is the most common form of plagiarism, but there are other forms that are equally prohibited. These include the use of another student's paper under your own name, the submission of the same (or a similar) paper in two different courses without the permission of both professors, and the purchase of a paper from a commercial 'term paper service'. Presenting someone else's ideas in your own words without reference is also plagiarism.

For further details of the Academic Code of Conduct, including procedures involved in sanctioning students who commit an offence under the Code please visit the Student Advocate Program site: [http://advocacy.concordia.ca/student\\_advocate/advocate.html](http://advocacy.concordia.ca/student_advocate/advocate.html)