

Order of Marking Standards

Department of Educational Studies

A Level (80% to 100%)

A+ is from 90% to 100%. It is reserved for exceptional work that greatly exceeds course expectations. In addition, achievement must satisfy all the conditions below.

A is from 85% to 89%. A mark of this order suggests a very high level of performance on all criteria used for evaluation. Contributions deserving an A are distinguished in virtually every aspect. They show that the individual (or group) significantly shows initiative, creativity, insight, and probing analysis where appropriate. Further, the achievement must show careful attention to course requirements as established by the instructor.

A⁻ is from 80% to 84%. It is awarded for generally high quality of performance, no problems of any significance, and fulfillment of all course requirements. However, the achievement does not demonstrate the level of quality that is clearly distinguished relative to that of peers in class and in related courses.

B Level (68% to 79%)

This category of achievement is typified by adequate but unexceptional performance when the criteria of assessment are considered. It is distinguished from A level work by problems such as:

- one or more significant errors in understanding
- superficial representation or analysis of key concepts
- absence of any special initiatives
- lack of coherent organization or explication of ideas

The level of B work is judged in accordance with the severity of the difficulties demonstrated.

B+ is from 76% to 79%

B is from 72% to 75%

B⁻ is from 68% to 71%

C+ is from 64% to 67%

C is from 60% to 63%

The Faculty of Graduate Studies considers 60% as a minimum passing grade for graduate students. Students should check the University Calendar for information on what constitutes “Satisfactory Progress” for masters and doctoral students. In general, a grade of 68% must be maintained to remain in good standing. See the Faculty of Graduate Studies section of Calendar for more information.

at <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/faculty-staff/policies-procedures/review-assigned-standing>
and <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,49,0,0>