



GRADING POLICY

The [Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine \(MSUCOM\) Policy for Retention, Promotion, and Graduation](#) outlines college standards regarding grading, student promotion, retention, and graduation.

1. General

- a. MSUCOM employs the P-N (Pass-No Grade) grading system in the Preclerkship and Clerkship Programs. The issuance of a P or N grade is in accordance with University policy. Grading on the P-N system may be postponed through use of a Conditional grade (I-Incomplete or ET-Extension) in accordance with University definition and policy and as approved by the University Committee on Curriculum.
- b. Official MSU Transcript.
 - i. A P grade received in any course is permanently recorded on the students' official MSU transcript.
 - ii. An N grade received in any course is permanently recorded on the student's official MSU transcript and will not be removed even if the course is subsequently successfully remediated or repeated.
 - iii. An I grade assigned in any course will be recorded on the student's official MSU transcript until all requirements of the course are completed, at which time it will be permanently changed to an I/P or an I/N grade, as appropriate.
 - iv. An ET grade assigned in any course will be recorded on the student's official MSU transcript until all requirements of the course are completed at which time it will be permanently changed to a P or N grade, as appropriate.
- c. Each course in the Preclerkship and Clerkship Programs is required to have a syllabus distributed before the semester/course start date. It is within each course syllabus that policies on grading, academic honesty and professionalism, and class attendance are outlined specific to grading outcomes.
- d. There is no "Honors" grade for courses in the Preclerkship and Clerkship Programs.

2. Preclerkship Program

- a. Students are issued a P or N grade based on points accumulated, out of total points available, in each course. The total number of points required to pass a course, and how they are achieved, is determined by the course faculty and available to the student in the course syllabus. The points accumulated in each course are used to determine a students' percentage and percentile rank in that course.
- b. Each student has access to a "Student Grade Report" through the "Student Portal." This report shows a student's:
 - i. Percentage and Percentile Rank in each course.
 - 1. Individual course percentage and percentile rank reflect student performance each time a course is completed.
 - ii. Overall Cumulative Score and Quintile Rank for all courses.
 - 1. Only the student's first-time performance is included in the Quintile calculation. If student performance in a course is not listed on the Student Grade Report (e.g. because the course was waived) then it is not included in the quintile calculation.
 - 2. The calculation of the course score is $((\text{points earned}/\text{possible points}) * 100) * \text{course credit(s)}$. The cumulative score is the sum of the course scores/sum of the course credits.
 - iii. This information is included in the MSPE (Medical Student Preference Evaluation) for each student as part of the ERAS (Electronic Residency Application Service) process.

3. Clerkship Program

- a. Grade determination of P or N for each clinical rotation is based on successful completion of all academic and clinical grading components, including meeting expectations outlined on the Clinical Clerkship Performance Evaluation.
- b. Each clinical rotation is an enrollable course that has a unique set of academic and clinical grading components outlined within its syllabus.