

## Special Grading and Credit Limits for First Year Students

### I. First Years are graded differently:

Fall Grading	IAP grading	Spring Grading
All subjects graded as either Pass or No Record (P/NR) <i>C=Passing grade for first-years</i>	Pass/No Record	All subjects graded A, B, C, or No Record <i>C=Passing grade for first-years</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal (MIT) records show D or F grades as DN or FN (N=no record)</li> <li>External transcript shows only passed subjects as "P"</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both internal and external transcripts show grades of A, B, or C</li> <li>D or F grades are noted internally as DN or FN (N=no record) but do not display on external transcript</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal "hidden" grades for Fall and IAP</li> <li>No GPA</li> <li>The hidden grades <b>cannot</b> be used for outside purposes</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official GPA for second semester first-years includes <i>only</i> grades of A, B, or C (D and F grades do not count towards GPA)</li> </ul>

### II. First Years are subject to a credit limit in both semesters:

Fall Credit Limit = 54 units	IAP= 12 units	Spring semester= 57 units
4 subjects = 48 units (standard subject load)	8.01L = 6 units	4 subjects = 48 units (standard subject load)
FAS, performance group, select classes = 6 units	18.02A = 6 units	9 unit elective
The following are the only exceptions to Fall credit limit) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mission 2022 (9 unit subject)</li> <li>Seminar XL (3-6 units)</li> </ul>	No exceptions to IAP credit limit	No exceptions to Spring credit limit.  Some first-year students may be eligible for sophomore standing.

## Class of 2022 CUP Experiment

Fall & IAP	Spring Grading	Upper-level Grading
<p>No change</p>	<p>Students may designate up to 3 SME GIRs (CALC1, CALC2, PHYS1, PHYS2, BIO, CHEM) as P/NR during their remaining time at MIT.</p> <p>All other subjects graded A, B, C, or No Record</p> <p><i>C=Passing grade for first-years</i></p>	<p>Students may continue to designate up to 3 SME GIRs (CALC1, CALC2, PHYS1, PHYS2, BIO, CHEM) as P/NR during their remaining time at MIT.</p> <p>All other subjects graded A/B/C/D/F or other current designations as appropriate.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both internal and external transcripts show grades of P, A, B, or C</li> <li>• D or F grades are noted internally as DN or FN (N=no record) but do not display on external transcript</li> <li>• Students who receive grades of DN or FN in the first year must retake the course to receive credit. If they used one of their 3 P/NR slots for the class, they may retake the class on P/NR without using another slot.</li> <li>• Grades of A, B, and C on courses elected P/NR are considered “hidden grades” and <b>cannot</b> be used for outside purposes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both internal and external transcripts show grades of P in addition to standard grades in other coursework.</li> <li>• D or F grades are noted internally as DN or FN (N=no record) but do not display on external transcript.</li> <li>• Upper-level students may request that grades of DN in GIR courses taken after the first year be changed to a grade of D so that it may count as passing. This change must be made by registration day of the next semester. The P/NR slot will be considered used and cannot be reused, and the grade of D will be reflected on the student’s transcript and factored into their GPA.</li> <li>• Students who receive a grade of FN or elect to keep their DN as “No external record” must retake the course to receive credit. If they used one of their 3 P/NR slots for the class, they may retake the class on P/NR without using another slot.</li> <li>• Student with early sophomore standing are considered upper-level students for the purpose of this experiment.</li> </ul>

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### **Policy on Release of First Year Internal Grades**

MIT's policy is to provide internal "hidden" grades for first-year students in the fall term for educational and advising purposes only. In most circumstances, unofficial grades will stay hidden and will not be included on an external transcript. MIT will not communicate the student's internal grades to parents or any other third party outside of MIT without the student's written consent. If a third party requires the internal grades, the student must go to the Department Administrator for each class to request a letter.