June 1, 2015

At its meeting on April 22, 2015, the UCSC Academic Senate approved expanding grading options to include C-, D+, and D-. These new grading options will become available in the Fall quarter, 2015.

The Committee on Educational Policy (CEP) would like to take this opportunity to clarify how these grades should be used. As with the current grading system, a grade of C or better will continue be required to satisfy general education requirements, major requirements and course pre-requisites. The new C- grade should therefore only be used to describe work that falls just below this standard. Because C- grades will not satisfy pre-requisites, GE requirements, or major requirements, students may repeat courses in which they receive a grade of C- or below. Please note that C- grades should only be given for work that would earn the grade of D under the current grading system.

If a student selects the P/NP grading option, he or she must do C quality work or better in order to Pass; work of C- or lower quality would earn a No Pass grade. P grades will continue to satisfy course pre-requisites; GE requirements and major requirements. Under the new grading system, students will continue to receive credit toward the 180 credits needed to graduate for grades from A+ to D- or P, but not F or NP. The similarities and differences between the current and new grading options are summarized in the chart at the end of this email.

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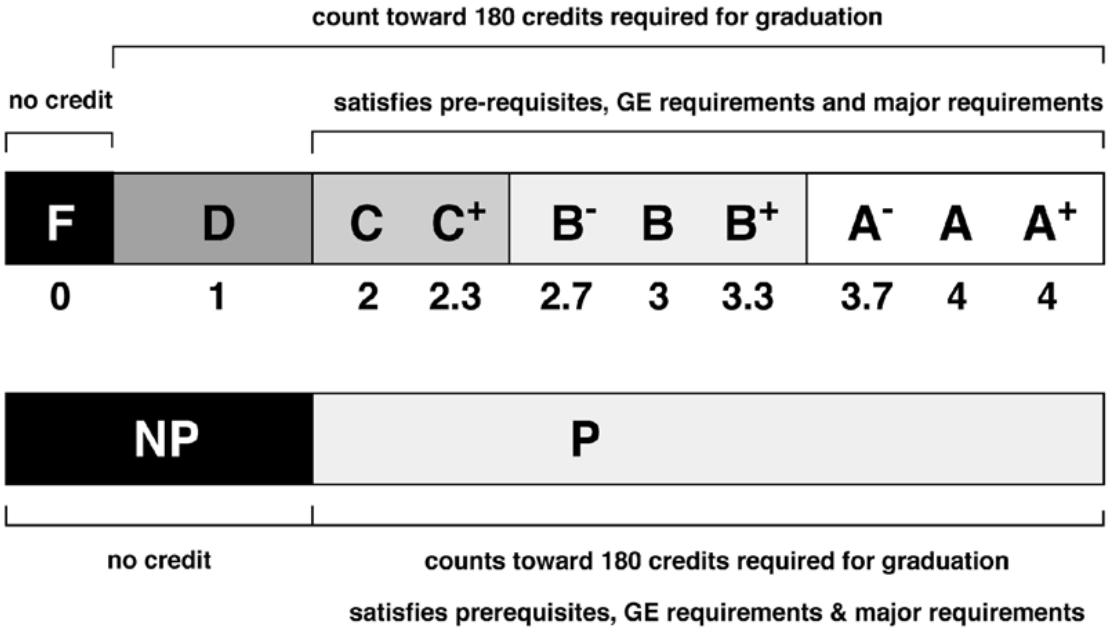

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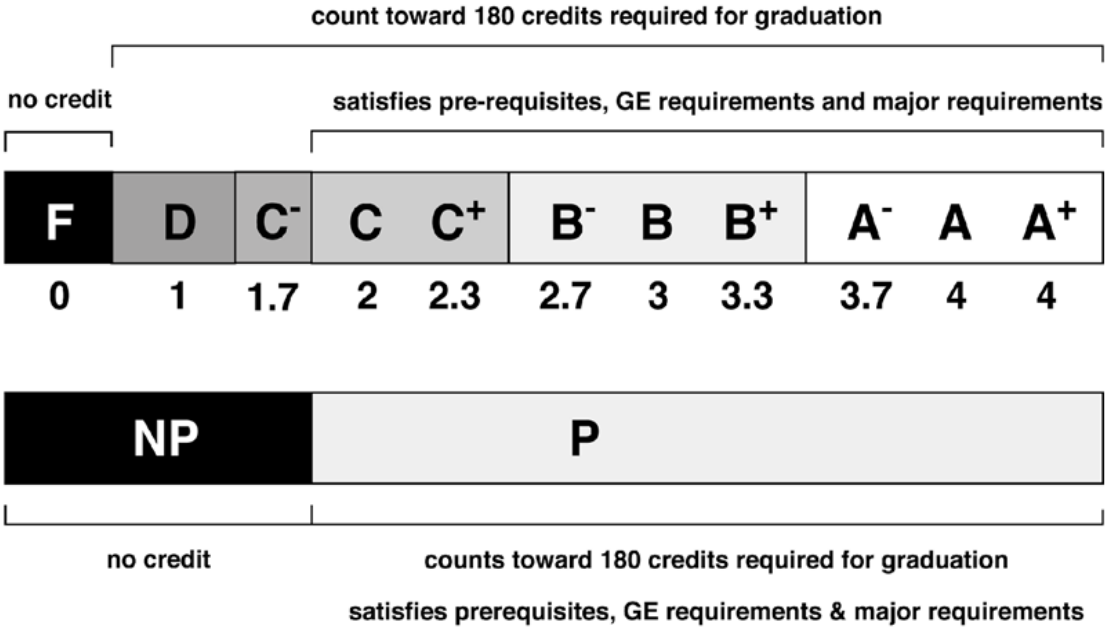

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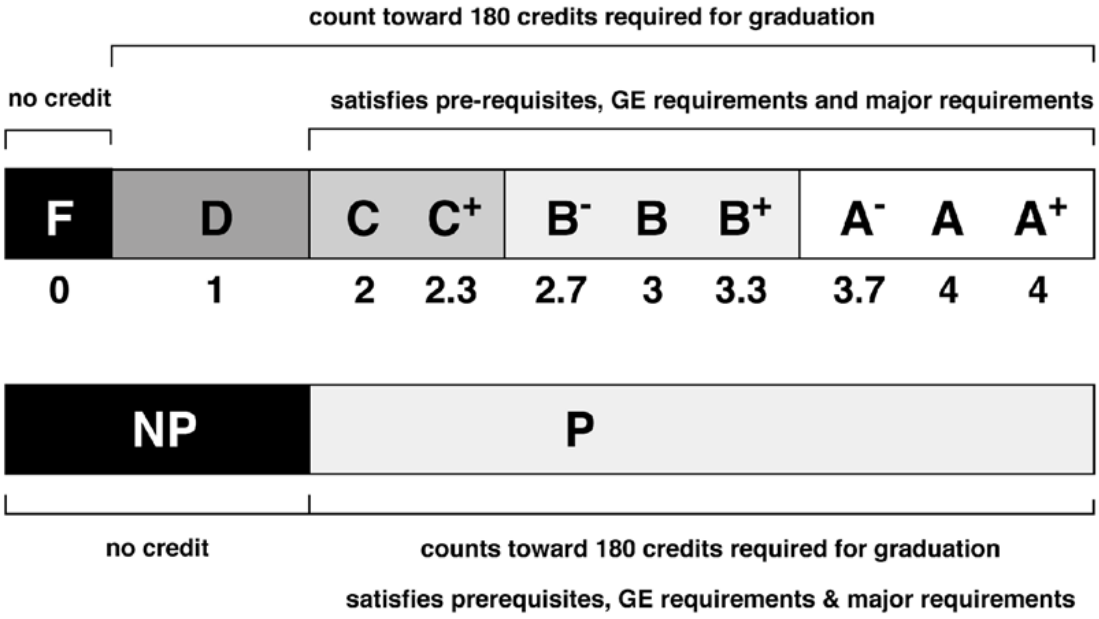

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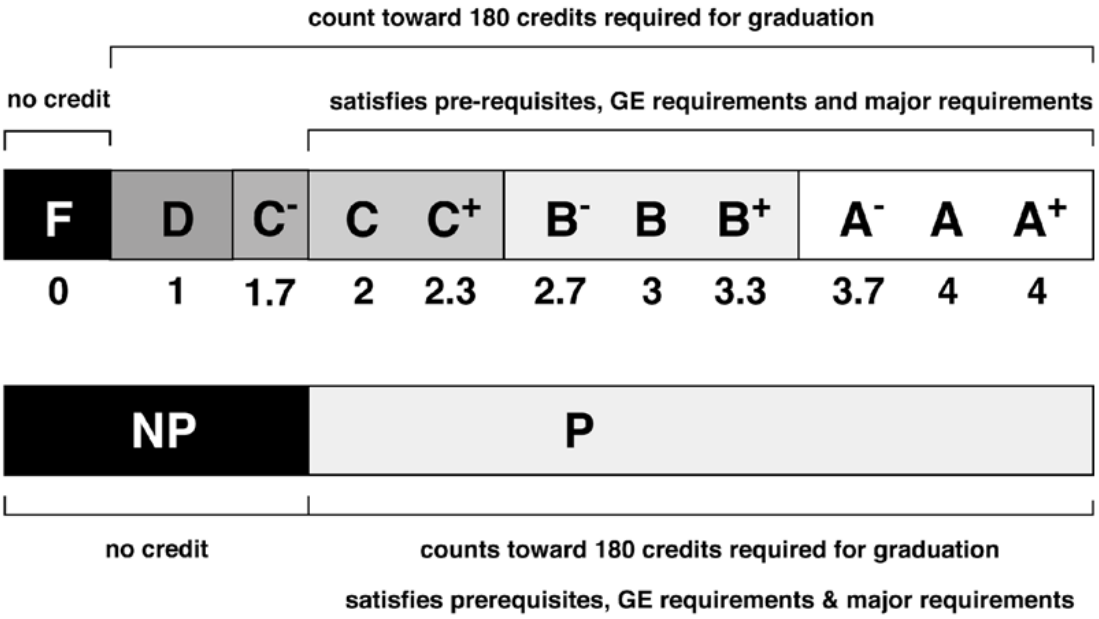

Proposed expansion of grading options at UCSC

Satisfies pre-reqs, major requirements, GE requirements

P	A^+	4
	A	4
	A^-	3.7
	B^+	3.3
	B	3
	B^-	2.7
	C^+	2.3
	C	2
NP	C^-	1.7
	D^+	1.3
	D	1
	D^-	0.7
	F	0

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