4. Grades

Students are expected to earn a minimum grade of B in all courses. Grades lower than a C- are not computed toward fulfillment of the 24-hours required by the Graduate School. Students who receive a C or lower in any course taken for Graduate School credit will be expected to discuss the grade and their future in the program with the DGS.

Any student earning two Cs and/or four Bs (or worse) in graduate courses in the Department of English will be advised to consider resignation from the program. The B- mark represents an instructor's serious reservations about the student's capacity for or dedication to graduate work. The concurrence of a second or third instructor in the assessment should be interpreted as authoritative discouragement. With the consent of the Graduate Studies Committee, the DGS will invite any student with two Cs and/or four Bs to consider withdrawal.

Students enrolling in English 8999 (Non-Candidate Research) and English 9999 (Ph.D. Dissertation Research) will be assigned S(atisfactory) / U(nsatisfactory) grades in accordance with the Graduate School's policy: "One U grade requires consultation between the student and the research adviser; a second U grade triggers a locally defined program-level intervention process involving (at least) the student, the research adviser, the student's thesis or dissertation committee and the DGS; and a third U grade leads to de-matriculation. These steps are triggered by the accumulation of U grades, not simply U grades in succession. Each U represents approximately one-half of one academic year of unsatisfactory progress. No credit hours are awarded for an enrollment that earns a grade of U."