



ACADEMIC ALERT #2006-17

DATE: August, 2006

DECISION: Elimination of “U” Grade. Replaced by “F” Grade for Undergraduates

Effective September 1, 2006, the “U” grade will no longer be used to denote “unsatisfactory performance” at the undergraduate level on the permanent academic record. Instead, a grade of “F” will be used.

Rationale: There is no difference between the “U” and the “F” grades; both are punitive marks and receive 0 quality points in the GPA calculation.

This will eliminate ambiguity surrounding the “U” grade, and standardize grading between both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Student Academic Standards Committee Approval: May 25, 2006

Faculty Senate Approval: June 21, 2006

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Any Failing Grade Submitted On or After September 1, 2006

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Implementation

Undergraduate students will be informed of this change—“U” grade eliminated and replaced by the “F” grade— by an email announcement from the Office of the Registrar.

Submission of a “U” grade is no longer an option in Banner.

The “U” Grade will be eliminated and the “F” grade added to the 2007-2008 catalog.