

GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Students are expected to be informed concerning the regulations governing academic matters. This bulletin presents answers to general questions regarding academic policies. Students with unique problems and special circumstances should consult the appropriate dean or program coordinator.

Responsibility for meeting degree requirements

also must be repeated.

In sequence-type courses (course numbers ending in 1, 2, or 3) a student who earns an F for one quarter automatically must repeat that course before being permitted to enroll or remain enrolled in subsequent courses in that sequence. A student who earns a D in such a course should counsel with the teacher as to the advisability of continuing the course.

Factors Influencing Grades. Several factors are used to compute the final grade in a particular course. These include such items as scores in oral or written examinations, quizzes, practical and written projects, papers, reports, laboratory practica, skill demonstration, clinical performance, and class attendance/participation. The teacher selects the grading components for a given course according to the nature of that course. The course outline (syllabus) clearly outlines how the students' final grades shall be computed.

Grade Reports. Grade reports are sent to students at the end of each quarter. At registration, students may specify one other person or organization to whom their grades should be sent.

TRANSCRIPTS

The Academic Records Office issues transcripts of the student's academic record upon written request by the student. Requests should reach the Academic Records Office at least ten days before the transcripts are needed. Transcripts are not issued for students with unpaid accounts or defaulted loans. (See the Financial Section of this bulletin for transcript charges and an explanation of exceptions to the policy of restricting the issuance of transcripts.)

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Examinations. Credit is not granted in courses unless the required examinations are completed by the student. Students are expected to adhere to the published examination schedule. In the case of exam schedule overload where the schedule requires a student to complete four exams in one day, arrangements may be made with the dean to complete one of the examinations at another time.

Class Attendance. Regular attendance at all classes, laboratories, and other academic appointments is required of each student. Faculty members are expected to keep regular attendance records. The syllabus notifies students of the attendance requirements.

Class Absences. Whenever the number of absences exceeds 20% (10% for graduate classes) of the total course appointments, the teacher may give a failing grade. Merely being absent from campus does not exempt the student from this policy. Absences incurred due to late registration, suspension, and early/late vacation leaves are not considered as excused, and the work missed may not be made up except to the extent the teacher allows. Three tardinesses are the equivalent of an absence.

Students are counted as class members and are charged tuition until they file a *Change of Registration* form in the Academic Records Office.

Excused Absences. Excuses for absences due to illness are granted by the individual teacher who shall require verification of illness. Residence-hall students are required to see the nurse on the first day of any illness which interferes with class at-

tendance. Non-residence-hall students are required to show written verification of illness obtained from their own physician. Excuses for absences not due to illness are issued directly from the dean's office.

Excused absences do not remove the responsibility of the student to complete all requirements of a course. Work is made up at the discretion of the teacher.

Performance in Related Non-academic Areas.

Certain professional programs require satisfactory personality traits, acceptable lifestyle, satisfactory clinical aptitudes, or other published special requirements and competencies. For programs in which such items are stipulated, students are evaluated in terms of these requirements. These requirements are specified in departmental handbooks or in course syllabi.

Academic Honesty. Honesty in all activities of life is important to the integrity of every Christian and every trustworthy citizen. The goal of education is to develop in students the ability for original thinking, critical judgment, and high standards of academic and professional integrity and accountability. Andrews University expects each student to display honesty in all academic matters.

Academic dishonesty is a serious offense. It is punishable by warning, receipt of a lower or failing grade, suspension or dismissal from the class, expulsion from the university, degree annulment, or if official documents have been falsified, non-admission or annulment of admission.

Academic dishonesty includes (but is not limited to) such acts as (a) falsification of official documents; (b) plagiarism (copying others' published works); (c) presenting assignments that are not based on the student's own work; (d) using materials during a quiz or examination besides those specifically allowed by the teacher; (e) stealing, accepting, or studying from stolen quizzes or examination materials; (f) working or copying from the paper of another student during a formal or take-home examination or quiz. Students who collaborate in dishonest acts are also held responsible for them.

A student may be dismissed or suspended from the university for cheating or plagiarizing. Cheating or plagiarizing on a comprehensive examination will result in being dropped from the program.

Additional forms of dishonesty include violations of copyrights and licensing agreements by using university equipment to make illegal copies of copyrighted and/or licensed materials such as computer software, musical recordings, or printed materials. Making and using unauthorized copies of materials which the university has provided for controlled student use also violates copyright law.