

Policy History
<b>Policy No.</b> AC4
<b>Approving Jurisdiction:</b> Senate
<b>Administrative Responsibility:</b> Provost and Vice President Academic
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## Student Evaluation and Grading Policy

### A. CONTEXT AND PURPOSE

Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) is a special purpose, teaching university under the University Act. The University Act states that the senate of a special purpose, teaching university has the power and duty to “set policies concerning examinations and evaluation of student performance” (35.2 (5) (e)), and “set criteria for academic standing, academic standards and the grading system” (35.2 (5) (h)).

The purpose of this policy is to uphold principles that support student learning by ensuring appropriate evaluation of student course standing and establishing meaningful grading categories and systems for recording and reporting student grades.

### B. SCOPE AND LIMITS

This policy applies to KPU’s Senate-approved curriculum at all academic levels. This policy does not apply to instructional activities outside the authority of Senate (for example, Continuing and Professional Studies).

### C. STATEMENT OF POLICY PRINCIPLES

1. The University process of formal evaluation will provide students timely assessment feedback, enabling them to determine their current achievement status in each course and program. It will also enable the University to make consistent decisions regarding students' progress in relation to established program standards. The translation of evaluation measures into University-defined grades formalizes the students' status in both course and program.
2. KPU recognizes the importance of evaluation practices producing grades and transcripts that are (a) valid (b) reliable and (c) verifiable representations of each student’s capabilities in relation to clearly articulated learning objectives.
3. KPU is committed to ensuring evaluation practices that are (d) fair, and that can (e) determine current course status.

4. The intent of principles [a] through [e] is to support student learning. These principles should be upheld across different programs and across different grading scales.
5. University instructional activities offered under the authority of the University Senate will adhere to KPU's established grading systems to ensure the academic integrity of student records, the academic transcript, and to maximize opportunities for student mobility and formal recognition of KPU credit.

## **D. DEFINITIONS**

Refer to Section A of AC4 *Student Evaluation and Grading Procedure* for a list of definitions in support of this Policy.

## **E. RELATED POLICIES & LEGISLATION**

*University Act Sections 35.2(5)(e) and 35.2(5)(h)*

*ST3 Grade Appeals*

*ST6 Minimum Academic Standards for Programs in Which Letter Grades Are Assigned*