BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

ABOUT THE GRADING SYSTEM

Bayero University, Kano, operates the Course Unit System. Consequently, the University uses the GPA/CGPA grading system. The following are some of the important features of the system.

1. **Letter Grades**: Each course is assessed by a letter grade using the letters **A, B, C, D, E, F** and **I**. Each letter, except **I**, corresponds to a range of marks as follows: **A** for 70-100%; **B** for 60-69%; **C** for 50-59%; **D** for 44-49; **E** for 40- 44% and for 0-39%. The grades **A** to **E** denote pass, with grade **A** being the best; the grade **F** denotes failure in the course while the grade **I** is explained below.

2. **Incomplete Grade**: The Incomplete grade '**I**' is awarded to a student who has completed all aspect of a course except the end-of-semester examination, and Senate has accepted as valid his/her reason(s) for not sitting the examination. The student would not carry over the course. Rather, he/she will only sit for the examination when it is offered next. His/Her continuous assessment is carried forward and added to the examination marks.

3. **Grade Points (GP)**: Each letter grade, except **I**, is assigned a Grade Point as follows: **A=5**, **B=4**, **C=3**, **D=2**, **E=1** and **F=0**. A grade "**ABS**" of point **0** is assigned to a course which the student failed to sit for its examination without valid reasons. No grade point is assigned to **I**.

4. **Points**: The points obtained in a course are the product of the credit value of the course and the grade point obtained in the course. Thus, if a student obtains a 'B' grade in a 3-credit course, the points are **4x3=12.**

5. **Grade Point Average (GPA)**: The semester Grade Point Average (GPA) is defined as the weighted average of all the grade points obtained in the semester, with the credits as the weights. It is an indication of student's (average) performance in the semester. In computing the GPA, credit values of course(s) graded incomplete are not counted. Thus

$$GPA = \frac{Total\ Semester\ Points}{Total\ Semester\ Credits}$$

Where credits for incomplete course(s) are not counted in totaling the credits.

6. **Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)**: The Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) is defined as the weighted of all the grade points obtained by the student from the time he\she joined the program of study up to the time of computation. Thus, the CGPA gives an indication of the student's overall performance in the program of study. The CGPA is computed as follows;

$$CGPA = \frac{Total\ Semester\ Points\ for\ ALL\ Semesters}{Total\ Semester\ \ Credits\ for\ ALL\ Semesters}$$

Where credits for incomplete course(s) are not counted in totaling the credits.

Roughly, the GPA/CGPA values are interpreted as follow:

GPA / CGPA	INTERPRETATION	
	For Degree Students	For Diploma Students
4.50-5.00	First Class Honours (Excellent)	Distinction
3.50-4.49	Upper Second Class Honours (Very Good)	Credit
2.40-3.49	Lower Second Class Honours (Good)	Merit
1.50-2.39	Third Class Honours (Fair)	Pass
1.00-1.49	Pass Degree Honours (Satisfactory)	
0.00-0.99	Fail	Fail