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Supplement to Occidental College Transcript of Record

ACCREDITATION:

Occidental College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

Prior to the fall of 1963 the College operated under a semester calendar. In the fall of 1963 the curriculum was reorganized under a three Course-three Term system equivalent to a semester system. An early semester calendar became effective in the fall of 1994.

COURSE NUMBERING:

1-49	basic or introductory level
50-99	intermediate level
100-199	advanced level
200-399	graduate level

COURSE VALUES:

For records prior to 1938-39 and records 1943-44 through 1962-63 the work of the College curriculum was measured in terms of "units" one unit represented one semester hour.

For records 1938-39 through 1942-43 the work of the College curriculum was measured in terms of full-courses and half-courses. For purposes of transfer, each full-course completed during that period may be considered as equivalent to four semester units and each half-course as equivalent to two semester units.

For records 1963-64 through 1993-94 the work of the College curriculum was measured in terms of full-courses and fractional-courses. Each full-course was awarded a value of one course credit, equivalent to four semester units. Fractional-courses, valued to be either one-sixth or one-third course credit, did not count as credits toward the degree and are listed as worth zero units. However, it was possible to combine fractional-course credit into full-course credit with the appropriate approvals.

UNDERGRADUATE GRADES:

Prior to 1971-72: A, excellent; B, good; C, fair; D, lowest passing letter grade; P, passing in a Pass/Fail course; INC, incomplete; W, withdrawn; F, failure. Prior to 1963 a grade condition (CON) was also given. A condition indicated that the work was not of passing quality but that the deficiency might be removed by an examination or through some other method approved by the instructor. If removed, no higher grade than "D" could be given.

From September 1971 to September 1975: A, excellent; B, good; C, fair; D, lowest passing letter grade; CR, passed course-no letter grade; NC, no credit; INC, incomplete; W, withdrawn. Beginning September 1974, CIP (course in progress) was added.

From September 1975 to 1981: A, excellent; B, good; C, satisfactory; D, barely passing; F, failure; CR, passed course-to be regarded as the equivalent of a C or better; NC, no credit; INC, incomplete; W, withdrawn; WP, withdrew from a course passing; WF, withdrew from a course failing; CIP, course in progress; AUD, audit.

From September 1981 to 1999: A, 4.0; A-, 3.7; B+, 3.3; B, 3.0; B-, 2.7; C+, 2.3; C, 2.0; C-, 1.7; D+, 1.3; D, 1.0; F, 0.0; CR, passed course-to be regarded as the equivalent of a C or better; NC, no credit; INC, incomplete; W, withdrawn; WP, withdrew from a course passing; WF, withdrew from a course failing; CIP, course in progress; AUD, audit.

From September 1999 to current: The WP and WF were removed and replaced with a W.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS:

Effective in the fall of 1968, grading for the comprehensive requirement is as follows: PD, pass with distinction; P, pass; F, fail. Letter

grades were given prior to the fall of 1968.

GRADE POINT SYSTEM:

The grade point system was used to indicate the standard of scholarship of students until September 1963, when the use of grade points was dropped. This information was again recorded on student transcripts beginning fall 1981.

	Prior to September 1946	Effective September 1946-1963	Effective September 1981-current
For each unit of A grade	3 grade points	4 grade points	A = 4.0 grade points A- = 3.7 grade points B+ = 3.3 grade points
For each unit of B grade	2 grade points	3 grade points	B = 3.0 grade points B- = 2.7 grade points C+ = 2.3 grade points
For each unit of C grade	1 grade point	2 grade points	C = 2.0 grade points C- = 1.7 grade points D+ = 1.3 grade points
For each unit of D grade	0 grade point	1 grade point	D = 1.0 grade point
Condition or Failure	-1 grade point	0 grade point	F = 0.0 grade point

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Completion of a minimum number of units of credit.
Prior to 1963-64, 124 semester hours or the equivalent; 1963-64 through 1993-94, 35 course credits or 140 semester units; 1994-95, 136 semester units; 1995-96, 132 semester units; 1996-97 to current, 128 semester units.
- 2) Attainment of a C average or better (prior to 1994-95) or a 2.0 grade point average (1994-95 to current) for all courses taken as well as all courses within the major at Occidental.
- 3) Completion of general course requirements.
 - A. General Studies - a six-course sequence, for students in the classes of 1974 to 1981.
 - B. Core Program - a ten-course sequence, for students in the classes of 1982 to 1997 and 2001 to current.
 - C. Cultural Studies Program - a nine-course sequence, for students in the classes of 1998 and 1999.
 - D. Core Program - a ten-course sequence, for students in the class of 2000 to current.
- 4) Competence in a Foreign Language to be met by an examination of competence or by successful completion of a second semester (or equivalent) course in a language other than English.
- 5) Satisfaction of a writing proficiency requirement.
- 5) Completion of a major or Independent Pattern of Study.
- 6) Passing a final comprehensive examination in the senior year in the major subject area of concentration.

GRADUATE GRADES:

Prior to September 1946: P, indicated satisfactory work; F, indicated failure or unsatisfactory graduate work. Effective September 1946: same scale as listed for undergraduate grades, and DEF (Deferred) to be removed within one year (except for M.A. thesis course). B average is required for graduate credit.

RELEASE OF INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, this information is released on the condition that no other party will be permitted address to this information without written consent of the student.