

OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE

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ACCREDITATION:

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

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The College operates on a semester system. The academic year consists of a fall semester, a spring semester, and a limited summer session during which a small number of courses are offered. Students may also earn credit through independent study projects and internship work.

COURSE LEVEL:

1-85	First-Year Seminars (FYS)
86-299	lower division
300-499	upper division
500-599	graduate

First-year FYS (previously CSP) courses are small seminars, each designed by a faculty member around a topic in their field of expertise, emphasizing discussion, critical analysis, and intensive instruction in writing. FYS courses are graded Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory.

Study abroad courses (subject code ABXX or OXAB) may be numbered between 100 and 499 and may be considered upper division courses.

CLASSIFICATION:

Frosh	0-31 semester units
Sophomore	32-63 semester units
Junior	64-95 semester units
Senior	96 or more semester units

NUMERIC GRADE POINT EQUIVALENTS:

A = 4.0	Excellent	C = 2.0	Satisfactory
A- = 3.7		C- = 1.7	
B+ = 3.3		D+ = 1.3	
B = 3.0	Good	D = 1.0	Barely Passing
B- = 2.7		F = 0.0	Failure
C+ = 2.3			

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Information about older calendars and requirements may be found at <https://www.oxy.edu/academics/registrars-office/official-transcripts/transcript-keys>

Adjustments to grades and policies due to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found at <https://www.oxy.edu/academics/registrars-office/covid-19-related-policy-adjustments>

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 access to this information without written consent of the student.

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OTHER GRADES:

AUD	(Audit)	P	(Pass)
CIP	(Course in Progress)	PD	(Pass with Distinction)
CR	(Credit)	S	(Satisfactory)
DEF	(Deferred)	U	(Unsatisfactory)
INC	(Incomplete)	W	(Withdrawal)
NC	(No Credit)	WP	(Withdraw Passing)
NR	(No Record)	WF	(Withdraw Failing)

A grade of CR (Credit) is the equivalent of a C or better.

Due to the unforeseen start to the COVID-19 pandemic, a grade of CR in Spring 2020 is the equivalent of a D or better.

A grade of S (Satisfactory) is the equivalent of a D or better.

Beginning Fall Semester 2023, and by the start of the second semester of the senior year, students may elect to retroactively change the grade in one course to S/U grading.

In the "R" (repeat) column, an "I" indicates the grade is included in the gpa and the units are included in the total earned. An "A" indicates the grade is included in the gpa but the units are not included in the total earned.

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

The College uses two criteria to establish the scholastic status of a student; that based on the 2.0 gpa (both cumulative and semester), and that based on the number of courses successfully completed with respect to the total number of courses required to be completed by the expected degree date (normal academic progress).

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- 1) Completion of a minimum of 128 semester units.
- 2) Attainment of a 2.0 gpa or better for all courses taken and for courses taken toward the major.
- 3) Satisfaction of a two-stage writing proficiency requirement.
- 4) Completion of the Core Program, an eight-course liberal arts requirement.
- 5) Proficiency in a language other than English.
- 6) Completion of a major or Independent Pattern of Study.
- 7) Passage of a final comprehensive requirement in the student's major subject.