

Academic Regulations

CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS

Students are classified as full-time or part-time students. Full-time students are those taking at least twelve semester hours. Part-time students are those who take less than twelve semester hours.

A sophomore student at Trinity Valley Community College is one who has credit for at least thirty-four semester hours of work. A freshman student is one who has less than thirty-four semester hours.

STUDENT LOAD

The normal load for a student is five courses exclusive of physical education, orientation, and applied music. No student will be classified as a regular full-time student who takes less than twelve (12) semester hours of work. For special or emergency situations, exceptional students, upon the approval of the Vice-President for Student Services, may take more than nineteen (19) semester hours. The course load of a student on probation may be limited to sixteen (16) or fewer semester hours. Students enrolled in more than one developmental course may be required to limit their course loads.

GRADES

The level of success achieved by a student in his or her course work is designated by letter grades based upon attendance, classwork and examinations.

A — Excellent (90-100)	I — Incomplete
B — Good (80-89)	IP — In Progress
C — Fair (70-79)	F — Failure (Below 60)
*D — Poor (passing) (60-69)	W — Withdrew - instructor or student initiated drop

Selected Health Occupations courses in Surgical Technology, Associate Degree Nursing, Vocational Nursing, Patient Care Technology, and Emergency Medical Technology programs, which are required for graduation or certification, use the following grading scale for theory courses. Grading for clinical courses is explained in each course syllabus.

A — 90 - 100
B — 80 - 89
C — 75 - 79
D — 65 - 74 (not passing)
F — Below 65 (not passing)

Grades are mailed to the student at the end of each semester.

An "I" (Incomplete) is given when illness, or other emergency, prevents the student from completing the course. The incomplete grade should be removed during the next long semester unless special arrangements have been made for an extension of time. (The "I" grade is calculated into the grade point average as an "F.")

*The grade of "D" may not transfer to some senior colleges. The policy on the transfer of "D's" varies.

The grade of "IP" (In Progress) may only be given to students enrolled in developmental courses and is non-punitive. The "IP" grade requires the student to re-enroll in the developmental class until his or her skills reach the level needed to succeed in college level courses.

A student who officially withdraws or drops from one or more courses will receive the grade of "W" if such withdrawal is completed by the deadline specified in the College Calendar.

Students will not be allowed to appeal grades recorded on permanent records after one year from the date the grade was recorded.

GRADE POINTS

For convenience in averaging grades for various purposes, and, in order to encourage students to improve the quality of their work, grade points are assigned each letter grade as follows:

Grade "A" — 4 grade points for each semester hour.

Grade "B" — 3 grade points for each semester hour.

Grade "C" — 2 grade points for each semester hour.

Grade "D" — 1 grade point for each semester hour.

Other grades — No grade point.

The student's average grade is computed by dividing the total number of semester hour grade points, as calculated above, by the total number of semester hours for which grades have been received. When a course has been repeated, the last grade of record will be utilized to determine G.P.A. for graduation.

REACH

Reaching Excellence Academically and Culturally through Honors

TVCC HONORS PROGRAM

The Trinity Valley Community College Honors Program is designed to provide a challenging and stimulating educational experience for students with advanced academic skills. The objectives of the program are met through student participation in honors courses, seminars, guest lectures, field trips, and special projects.

Honors courses have limited enrollment which allows students the opportunity to engage in discussion, research, and creative projects suited to their special abilities and interests. The courses are taught by outstanding faculty members who are highly motivated and dedicated to utilizing a variety of non-traditional teaching methods.

To graduate through the REACH Program, the student must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours of honors courses with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0. In addition, the student must earn an "A" or "B" in each honors course. Students are encouraged to vary their honors course selections and experience a wide array of honors activities.

Honors students receive Honors Program Distinction recognition on transcripts. This recognition is often useful in enhancing a student's access to scholarships at four-year colleges and universities.

An Honors Lounge is available for Honors Program Students. The lounge provides an area for study, classes, fellowship, and social activities.