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| <b>UNIVERSITY</b>  | <b>ACADEMIC POLICY</b> |

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| <b>Subject/Title:</b> Incomplete Grade  |
| <b>FPU Policy Number:</b> FPU-5.00712AP   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>New Policy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Major Revision of Policy</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Minor Technical Revision of Policy</b> |
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| <b>Responsible Division/Department:</b> Academic Affairs  |
| <b>Initiating Authority:</b> Dr. Ghazi Darkazalli, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs   |

**A. APPLICABILITY/ACCOUNTABILITY:**

This policy applies to all courses offered at the University.

**B. POLICY STATEMENT:**

A student may be temporarily assigned an incomplete (“I”) course grade, with the written approval of the course instructor, if the student is passing the course but has not completed all the required work due to exceptional circumstances that exist beyond the control of the student. An “I” grade cannot be assigned to a course if the student fails to attend the course, drops the course after the drop/add period, or withdraws from the University. A student who registers for a course but fails to meet the course requirements will receive an “F” grade in that course unless the student has officially dropped the course.

In order to be eligible for an “I” grade assignment in a course, the student must have completed at least 75 percent of the course with a passing grade. An “I” grade is not to be used to allow students to complete extra work to raise the grade earned; rather, it indicates a grade deferral in the event of extenuating circumstances and must be changed to a final evaluative grade within a specified time frame, not to exceed one calendar year from the ending date of the semester during which the student was enrolled and prior to the student’s graduation.

**C. PROCEDURE:**

1. To initiate consideration for an “I” grade assignment, the student must contact the instructor of the course for which the student has not completed the required coursework. The student must contact the instructor prior to final grades being due, as noted on the academic calendar to inform the instructor of the exceptional circumstances that justify requesting an “I” grade. The decision to assign an “I” grade is at the sole discretion of the course instructor.
2. If the instructor agrees to temporarily assign the student an “I” grade for the course, the student and instructor shall complete the *University Incomplete Grade Agreement Form* (“Incomplete Grade Agreement”) and document the expectations for course completion, specifying the academic work the student is missing, the deadline for completion of that

work and the grade that will be assigned if the work is not submitted on or before the deadline. Once completed, the Incomplete Grade Agreement must be signed by both the student and the instructor and filed with the Office of the University Registrar (“Registrar”) prior to the semester deadline for reporting final grades.

3. The student may not re-enroll in the same course to make up an “I” grade, nor may the student enroll in any courses that designate the course for which the student is assigned an “I” grade as a prerequisite.
4. The student is responsible for making arrangements with the course instructor for timely completion of the missing academic work. An “I” grade will be changed to a final evaluative grade at the time the student completes the required work and the instructor submits the necessary *University Grade Change Form* (“Grade Change Form”) to the Registrar.
5. “I” grades that are not changed within the maximum time limit (not to exceed one calendar year from the ending date of the semester during which the student was enrolled and prior to the student’s graduation) will automatically convert to the course grade designated in the Incomplete Grade Agreement as the student’s final evaluative grade, based on the instructor’s evaluation of the completed coursework. Once an “I” grade is converted to a final evaluative grade, that course grade may not be subject to further adjustment nor may it be converted back to an “I” grade. Exceptions due to University error may be approved by the Provost (or his/her designee) with supporting justification attached to a Grade Change Form.

**D. FORMS:**

1. *University Incomplete Grade Agreement Form* (attached).
2. *University Grade Change Form* (attached).

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| ACADEMIC POLICY APPROVAL  |      |
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| Initiating Authority  | Date |
| Academic Policies Committee Chair   | Date |
| Vice President of Academic Affairs  | Date |
| President/Designee  | Date |
| Approved by FPU BOT, if required  | Date |
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