Records Office – Change of Grade Policy

For reference, check the **Appeal of a Final Grade** section in the Loyola Graduate and Undergraduate Catalogues. This policy was implemented at the start of the Fall 2012 semester.

**Instructions**

I. **Electronic Change of Grade Form**

   o Initial/Change of Grade form will be available online through **WebAdvisor for Faculty > Faculty Information > Change of Grade**

   o Additional support is available at the **Records Office**.
     i. Located at the Evergreen Campus, Maryland Hall 141
     ii. Call 410-617-2263 for further assistance
     iii. Office Hours:

       Monday – Friday  8:30am – 5:00pm

II. **Types of Grade Changes**

   o **Initial Grade**
     
     o All grades submitted via WebAdvisor are considered initial grades. This also includes changing a grade from a **GL** or an **NR** to a letter grade.

     o Incomplete grades **prior to** expiration are accepted as an initial grade.

     o When submitting a manual initial grade we require **Instructor e-signature only** on the new change of grade eForm.

   o **Incomplete Grade**

     o Incomplete grades, unlike **GL** grades, automatically convert to an F at 12:00am (midnight) after the expiration date.

     o An expired Incomplete is defined by the Loyola catalogue as a verified grade of **F**. Therefore it is subject for further review before a change can be made.
An expired incomplete will require:
- Instructor e-signature
- Department Chair e-stamp
- Dean e-stamp **IF:**
  - The instructor is also the Department Chair
  - The completion date for the incomplete grade is later than July 1, 2021 for Undergraduate students.
  **OR**
  - The completion date for the incomplete grade is later than two weeks after the completion of the course for Graduate students.

Graduating Seniors cannot be assigned an incomplete grade.

Computational Errors
- All computational errors require **Instructor** and **Department Chair e-signatures.** *(This applies whether the student or the faculty member identified the error)* Dean e-stamp may also be required.

Appeal of Final Grade
- Requires:
  - Instructor e-signature
  - Department Chair e-stamp
  - Academic Dean e-stamp
  - No grade may be appealed after the student graduates from Loyola University Maryland.
  - Grade Appeals will not be accepted after June 30, 2021 for non-graduating students.
# Time Line for Grade Change

| **Student** | • Students have **10 business days** from the start of the *Summer 2021* semester to submit their written request to the instructor for *Spring 2021* grade changes.  
  • For *Spring 2021*, all students must submit their request(s) no later than **June 16, 2021**. |
| **Instructor** | • Instructors have **10 business days** to report back to the student and the Department Chair of his/her decision to grant or decline the grade change.  
  • The 10 business days start when the instructor receives the request from the student, which means within the student’s 10 business days.  
  • For *Spring 2021*, the instructor must submit the Change of Grade Form to the Records Office no later than **June 30, 2021**. |

According to the policy, the Records Office cannot accept a change of grade after **June 30, 2021** for Spring 2021.
May Graduation

Graduation date is May 22, 2021
- All grades are final on Graduation Day and may not be changed once the degree is posted.

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<td>- This is the last day for final grades to be turned in to the Records Office.</td>
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| **Initial Grade**                | - Initial Final Grade  
- Midterm Grade  
- NRs and GLs  

Requires:  
- Instructor e-signature only  
- This applies to both Midterm and Final Grades |
| **Incomplete Grade**             | Requires:  
- Instructor e-signature only if the incomplete has not expired.  
- If the incomplete has expired then the F is considered a verified grade.  
- Expired incompletes require:  
  - Instructor e-signature  
  - Department Chair e-stamp  
  - If the Chair is the instructor, then Dean e-stamp is required. |
| **Final Grade Change: (including)** | Requires:  
  - Instructor e-signature and Department Chair e-stamp  
  - Dean e-stamp is required when the Instructor is also the Department Chair.  
  - Computational errors do not require a student’s written request for a change of grade. |
| **Grade Appeals**                | Requires:  
- Instructor e-signature  
- Department Chair e-stamp  
- Dean e-stamp |

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