Grade Appeal Policy

If a student wishes to appeal an assigned grade, the student should first discuss the concerns with the instructor. If desired, the student may further appeal to the Department Head, the Dean of the School or College, and the Provost, in that order.

The following amendment to the appeal policy was approved by the UNCG Faculty Senate on November 17, 2007.

Grade Appeals will be considered only in the most exceptional circumstances, and are approved only in cases where the evidence strongly supports the student’s claim. Appeals must be filed no later than the first six months after the grade has posted.

Examples that do merit a grade appeal include:

- The instructor has miscalculated a final grade;
- The instructor has violated the grading policies outlined in the syllabus without reasonable cause;
- The instructor has not provided a reasonable explanation of how the student’s work was evaluated.

Examples that do not merit a grade appeal include:

- The instructor’s grading policies differ from other instructors in the Department, College/School, or University.
- The instructor’s attendance policy differs from other instructors in the Department, College/School, or University.
- The instructor’s Late Work policy differs from other instructors in the Department, College/School, or University.
- The grade distribution in the class in question is lower than in other sections of the same course.
- The student’s grade in the course is significantly lower than grades the student earned in similar courses.
- The grade in question will trigger Probation, Suspension, or loss of Financial Aid.

Please note that simple disagreement about what constitutes fair grading is not grounds for an appeal. Department or School Handbooks and/or the Instructor’s syllabus define standards for grading in that course. When a student elects to remain in a class after reading these materials, the student is understood to have accepted the grading terms for the course. The instructor is not obligated to deviate from grading standards outlined in the Department or School Handbooks and/or the syllabus.