

Suggested criteria for grading research progress and its effect on the student

Grade	Master's	PhD	Implications
A (90-100) Excellent	Outstanding research activity accompanied by impressive achievements, original thinking, scientific literature proficiency, creativity, independent conduct of the research. Suitable candidate for the PhD direct track.	Outstanding research activity accompanied by notable achievements and accomplishments likely to lead to a breakthrough in research, original thinking, scientific literature proficiency, creative, independent conduct of the research, high potential for developing academic career, a role model.	Candidate potentially eligible for merit scholarships and all merit grants.
B (80-89) Very Good	Very good research activity, original thinking, scientific literature proficiency, a very good chance for an original contribution. It appears that the student has high potential and may be a suitable candidate for PhD studies after completion of the Master's degree.	Very good research activity, original thinking, scientific literature proficiency, a very good chance for an original contribution. It appears that the student has high potential to develop independence and eventually to lead the research.	Candidate potentially eligible for merit scholarships and some merit grants (Except for the Clore and Adams Scholarships, and the Wolf Prize).
C (70-79) Good (Satisfactory)	Attitude and commitment to the research needs to be improved, the student is not independent yet, the student's potential has not yet been realized. Probably he is not suitable to pursue PhD studies. It is advised to hold a discussion with the student on shifting from research/project track a final paper track.	Attitude and commitment to the research needs to be improved, the student is not independent yet, there is no progress in the research, the student's potential has not yet been realized. A discussion between the mentor and the student must be held in-order to clarify expectations. If no improvement in research progress is reported in the following semester, the student studies may be terminated.	-
D (65-69) Unsatisfactory	There is no investment in the research, the student has not improved despite the warning of the previous semester. It is necessary to conduct a discussion regarding termination of studies, in the presence of the supervisor and the departmental Graduate Studies Committee.	There is no investment in the research, the student has not improved despite the warning the previous semester. It is necessary to conduct a discussion regarding termination of studies, in the presence of the supervisor and the departmental Graduate Studies Committee.	-
E (Cannot be Assessed)	Only in special cases in the first semester of studies.	Only in special cases in the first semester of studies.	-
S (Finishing Stages)	The student is writing the thesis and will submit it shortly.	The student is writing the thesis and will submit it shortly.	A schedule and outline for the completion of the degree should be submitted together with the submission of the grade! This grade, for more than two semesters, will lead to an interruption of studies. The student cannot be given this grade and then another grade without a detailed explanation backed by the graduate studies department committee.
M (Maternity Leave)	14 weeks	14 weeks	