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Baruch College

Chancellor's University Report – Part A: Academic Matters

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The following changes were adopted by the Curriculum Committees of the School of Public Affairs, the Weissman School of Arts and Sciences, and the Zicklin School of Business, as well as by the Joint Committee on Curriculum and Articulation during the Spring 2007 semester.

Section All: Changes in Generic Degree Requirements

All:10.2a. Change in College Grades and Grading Policies

Effective: Fall 2007

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ABS Given only when the student has been absent from the final and has earned an average term grade of 50 percent or better for work already completed. The privilege of taking a make-up final can be granted only if the student presents a satisfactory reason for his or her absence to the professor and the chair of the department by November 1 or April 1 of the subsequent term. Must be resolved by the end of the final examination period of the subsequent semester, or it becomes a grade of FAB, the equivalent of F.	discontinue; replace with INC.
PEN May be given when the student has been doing satisfactory work during the term but fails his or her final examination. The student is allowed to take a re-examination. No matter how high the grade in the re-examination may be, the student can earn no more than a D as a final grade. The student must file an application with the department by November 1 or April 1 of the subsequent term to take a re-examination. The grade must be resolved by the end of the final examination period of the subsequent semester, or it becomes a grade of FPN, the equivalent of F.	discontinue; replace with INC.
WF Dropped by instructor for poor scholarship after the tenth week of the term. Counts as an F. May not be used if the student has taken the final examination.	discontinue

Rationale: Replacing the ABS and PEN grades with INC will simplify Baruch's grading system, and should eliminate some confusion for both students and faculty members. The WF is being eliminated because students have the right to attend classes they have paid for even if there is no likelihood that they will pass the course. They will also likely benefit from any continued attendance.