

Posting Grades for Summer Courses Earlier

The Registrar's Office has tested rolling grades transcripts by part-of-term (a.k.a. sessions set within the larger semester). Part-of-term grading allows us to post grades for a group of classes in the same part-of-term without posting grades for all of the classes in the whole semester. **We'd like to launch it for summer 2023, but we need faculty buy-in to make it successful.**

UM has always posted summer grades in August, including the classes that ended in June. If we post by part-of-term for summer 2023, we can post grades much sooner for the early sessions; for 2023, that is the **1st 5-week (5/22 – 6/23)** and **1st 7-week (5/15 – 6/30)** sessions. If we continue as we have in the past, students in early session courses must wait 6-7 weeks to get their transcripts. If we roll those session grades on or around **7/10**, students in just early session courses would only wait about 2 ½ weeks.

Grades for the 1st 5-week and 1st 7-week sessions would be due **midnight on 7/9**. That would allow extra time around Independence Day for instructors to enjoy the holiday.

The key to make this happen is that **early session course grades must be submitted sooner.**

Pitfalls for Faculty

- The length of time allotted for faculty to grade early session courses is shortened. Some faculty count on extra time to grade final projects/papers/exams.
- The length of time allotted for students to complete work is shortened for some courses. While the general expectation is that students finish the work within the session dates, some faculty allow their students to submit work all the way up until the end of the summer. If we implement part-of-term grading, that practice must change. Students who finish work outside of the session (or really, after we roll grades for the session), would be assigned "incompletes" and their grades would need to be manually updated via the grade change process.

Benefits for Students

- Helps anyone who needs a transcript to meet a summer deadline for a scholarship/grant, job application, academic program application, or to sit for an exam
- May allow earlier identification of some students with SAP financial aid concerns
- Continuing students can adjust their autumn schedule earlier if dependent on their summer grade
- Helps anyone who needs to transfer credit to another institution before autumn semester begins

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