To: Graduate Council

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RE: UX grade type

The Graduate School is requesting the addition of a UX grade type for graduate students. This mirrors the FX grade type available at the undergraduate level.

Currently unsatisfactory work at the graduate level is graded with a U. When a student is found responsible for an academic integrity violation, a U grade is also assigned. There is no difference between the two on the student’s transcript. In addition, because a U grade triggers suspension at the graduate level, students earning a U grade are terminated – even when the grade was assigned due to an academic integrity violation.

Administratively this is a problem. The academic integrity process must be allowed to go forward and be resolved BEFORE a final grade is assigned. Because U grades are used, we have no way to know that it represents a grade based on an academic integrity violation. Adding a UX grade type will improve transparency for faculty, students and employers. It will also ensure that the AIB process is allowed to resolve before a final grade is assigned.