

GRADE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

The instructor's/professor's judgment is presumed to be correct. Therefore, the burden of qualifying a grievance rests with the student. Thus, at every level in the proposed grievance procedures this "presumption" should be understood by all participants.

It is assumed that grievances will be resolved by the instructor and student.

Grading criteria, requirements, content, etc. are established by the instructor. The presumption is that students have been given ample opportunity for clarification of class requirements at the beginning of a given course.

The procedure for a grade grievance is as follows:

1. Initial grade/grievance must be addressed to the instructor in the course.
2. In those rare circumstances when no agreement is reached in number 1 (above), the student may seek advice from the department chair.
3. If the matter is not satisfactorily settled at number 2 (above), the student then may seek advice from the Dean who will refer the matter to a standing faculty committee (i.e., Academic Affairs).
4. The committee will hear the student's grievance and make its recommendations to the parties involved.

At every level in this grievance procedure, the instructor must be apprised of the situation.