

Mid-Term Grading

It has long been the practice for the Registrar to ask faculty to enter mid-term grades (MTG) in Banner for full-semester classes. The number of faculty who actually enter these grades has decreased over time, with only 11% of CRNs showing MTG entry in fall 2019. This represents 12% of students receiving at least one MTG. It is our hope that most instructors are giving mid-term (or earlier) feedback about progress to students via SEAS, Blackboard and/or other means.

In fall 2019, we began the new grade options that allow faculty to enter failing grades specific to a true attempt/failure vs student stopped attending vs student never attended. These FF, FQ, FN grades roll to student transcripts as just F. However, mid-term grading uses the same grade options and they do not roll to academic history. This means students can see mid-term grades of FF, FQ and FN.

Due to the low usage of MTG and the display of the “odd” failing grades, the Registrar proposes that we consider ending official mid-term grading in Banner. The normal request to enter MTG could be changed to a communication asking faculty to be sure to give mid-term feedback.

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