

[CCSCA Grading System]

Taught courses and thesis

Distinction: 90 and above

Merit: 80-89

Pass: 70-79

Fail: Below 70

- **Distinction (90 and above):** This grade represents outstanding performance, demonstrating exceptional understanding and application of the course content or thesis research. It reflects a high level of academic excellence and is awarded to students whose work consistently exceeds expectations.
- **Merit (80-89):** A Merit grade indicates a very good level of performance, with work that is above average and demonstrates a solid understanding of the subject matter. While the work is of high quality, there may be minor areas for improvement in analysis, argumentation, or presentation.
- **Pass (70-79):** A Pass grade signifies that the student has met the basic requirements and demonstrated a satisfactory level of understanding. While the work may be competent and demonstrate a reasonable grasp of the subject, there may be areas for further development or refinement.
- **Fail (Below 70):** A Fail grade indicates that the student's work does not meet the minimum academic standards required for the course or thesis. The performance is below expectations and may lack critical understanding, analysis, or originality. If a student fails, they will need to retake the same course in the next academic year.