Introduction:
In an attempt to clarify the way students are allocated grades in Theatre Program classes, the following grading system is offered as a guide. Many of the ways students are evaluated in Theatre Program classes are – by necessity – subjective. Students need to be aware of that, and faculty need to endeavor to clearly communicate to students how their grades are being assigned. This process should be an ongoing one, continuing throughout the class’s duration.

Note to Students:
Students need to be aware that no grade changes will be agreed to without substantial and clear evidence to support such changes. Grades must be in significant conflict with the system indicated below in order to be considered eligible for change. All grade changes rest ultimately with the authority of the Dean of Students; faculty can, at best, make recommendations. All requests for a grade change need to be in writing and sent to both the Instructor in question and to the Artistic Director of the Theatre Program.

Grading system:
A: Exceptional performance/written work/examination/quiz scores. Impeccable attendance record and enthusiastic class participation. Full, enthusiastic and comprehensive completion of all lab duties including voluntary extra effort and significant displays of initiative and responsibility
A-, B+: Very good written work and quiz score. Impeccable attendance record and enthusiastic class participation. Full, enthusiastic and comprehensive completion of all lab duties, displaying initiative.
B, B-: Good or above average written work and quiz score. Good attendance record. Above average performance of labs and related activities.
C+, C: Average written work and quiz score. Imperfect and/or uncooperative attendance of classes, labs and related duties.
C-, D+, D, D-: Poor written work and quiz score. Poor class and/or lab attendance. Uncooperative attitude and lack of initiative.
E: All others. Don't go there.

Incompletes
Should a student not complete classwork by a due date, a temporary grade of "I" (Incomplete) may be awarded. If so, the student and instructor need to meet before this grade is assigned, and a revised due date for the submission of complete work needs to be agreed upon. An official Incomplete Contract Form must be filled out and submitted to the Registrar’s Office before an Incomplete grade can be assigned. Incomplete Contact Forms are available from Theatre Program Administrator, Katie Farrell, in the Theatre Program Office.