

Grades in Lower Division
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HC[?] Ungraded UD options? How do you grade?

KB-Comments? System of checks and balances?

HL-Feedback in place

DG-Why? Can affect UD ungraded counts as "C" Transfer? CR/NC

HL-Have lost talent because of CR/NC

KB-would have loved to experienced it.

MRI-No grades creates unity in classroom. Takes out competition.

KB-Grade optional-can of worms, How does it work within the system.

DG-Grads can be low anyway 12 units GE

KB-Sealed grades not option. CR, NC

HL-No mystery

MRI-Dynamic interaction stifles make the class work, they need to be true to themselves.

Action items: Trial period on grades are sealed grades possible?

DH-V+ (check plus or minus) so the students know where they are. Do the students feel judged?

MRI-Anything that does not have a number is Hutchins, students appreciate the comments.

DG-Smaller classes grades[?]

KB-Classes drove wanting grades because of uncertainty.

Grades helped the students in big class size students leverage each other.

DG-Can classes discuss grades?

KB & MRI- Not really

HC-students grading each other.

1. Lose students
2. No transfer
3. Creating (serving) the best student

Light bulb idea: trial period for grading in LD