

COLLEGE COMMUNICATIONS

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GRADES FOR 1937-'38TABLE I

Table I shows the grade point index, or the number of grade points per hour of credit, for each department.

Students from other schools of the University, though enrolled in College classes, are not included in this study. In other words, both tables deal only with College students.

The first column of figures shows the relative ranking of all departments giving College work in 1937-'38; the second column gives the ranking in 1936-'37. The figures in parentheses to the right of the departmental names show the relative ranking for 1937-'38 of the College departments alone.

It seems that about 1.34 for Freshman-Sophomore work and about 1.74 for Junior-Senior work were the median College departmental indices for 1937-'38.

We are enclosing your own grade point index. It might be interesting to compare it with your departmental index and also with the College index.

TABLE II

Table II is, we believe, self-explanatory. Note that the first column of figures shows the number of enrollments of College students in the several departments.

Below is a comparison of the percentages of grades shown in the last four studies for the College as a whole:

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>F</u>
1934-'35	16.6	33.5	33.7	9.2	2.3	4.7
1935-'36	16.8	33.2	34.7	8.8	1.8	4.7
1936-'37	14.6	33.0	36.0	9.4	2.0	5.0
1937-'38	15.0	34.0	34.4	9.9	1.9	4.8

Note the rather general agreement in all the percentages of all four years.

Many people, both students and instructors, might be surprised to note that 49 per cent of the grades given last year were A's and B's.

In 1929-'30 when the last previous grade study was made, 44.3 per cent of the grades were A's and B's while 8.2 per cent were F's. Evidently in recent years we are grading more liberally or students are doing better work or both.

According to our catalogue definitions of the several grades, it would seem that there should be an increase in the percentage of C grades at the expense of the A's and B's.