Annotated University of Minnesota Uniform Grade Definitions
adapted from http://www1.umn.edu/usenate/policies/gradingpolicy.html

A  Exemplary
Achievement [i.e., work or performance] that is outstanding relative necessary to meet course [or assignment] requirements

B  Very Good
Achievement [i.e., work or performance] that is significantly above the level necessary to meet course [or assignment] requirements

C  Satisfactory
Achievement [i.e., work or performance] that meets the course [or assignment] requirements in every respect
[Note: As and Bs signify that the quality of the work or performance exceeds basic competence and that all requirements have been fully met.]

D  Marginal
Achievement that is worthy of credit even though it fails to meet fully the course [or assignment] requirements

F  Failing
Represents failure (or no credit) and signifies that the work was either (1) completed but at a level of achievement that is not worthy of credit or (2) was not completed and there was no agreement between the instructor and the student that the student would be awarded an I