

Graduate Spring 2020 Grading Option

The Spring 2020 Grading Option was designed in collaboration with the academic administration, academic deans and chairs, University senate, and student government to provide maximum flexibility for students to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on their learning experience.

The Spring 2020 Grading Option applies to all graded courses attempted in the Spring 2020 term, and will be available from May 21, 2020 – June 5, 2020.

General Information

Will all course grades automatically be converted?

No grades will automatically convert: All graduate students must opt to select the appropriate grading option.

Below you will find the grade conversion equivalencies.

P = A, A-, B+, B

NC = B-, C+, C, C-, F

When will this conversion happen?

The Spring 2020 Grading Option will be available from May 21, 2020 – June 5, 2020.

If students need to decide, how will they do so?

Please consult with your department advisor if you have questions exercising the Spring 2020 Grading Option.

Is the decision to opt for the Spring 2020 grading option reversible?

No. The **decision is final** once a student chooses the appropriate grading option.

What will this look like on my transcript?

The follow message will display on the transcript.

Graduate: The Covid-19 pandemic required classes to transition to remote instruction for the second half of the spring 2020 semester. Grading patterns reflect this disruption, as students were permitted to elect the Pass/NC option in graduate courses.

Grades and GPA

How will grades for the Spring 2020 Grading Option be calculated into my grade point average?

- All graduate students opting for a P grade will receive credit for that course (*for credit bearing courses*). Students that receive a “B” grade or better can request a “P” grade through GothicNet.
 - The “P” grade:
 - Will fulfill program requirements
 - Credits will count towards graduation
 - Will not impact a student’s GPA
 - Will not count toward the existing limit of eight P/F credits

NC Grade Option

- Students that receive a “B-” or below (B- thru F) can request an “NC” grade through GothicNet.
 - The “NC” grade will:
 - Will not impact a student’s GPA
 - Credits are not earned for the course

In the case of programs that fulfill the academic requirements for licensed professions, students are encouraged to check with their respective departments prior to opting for the Spring 2020 grading option.

Will the NC grade apply towards the Recomputation policy (undergraduate students only) where the F grade was earned?

A grade of NC will not replace a previously earned F grade.

Does this policy apply to IN grades earned in Spring 2020 semester?

For graduate students, once an IN grade earned during Spring 2020 semester changes, the student must opt into the appropriate Spring 2020 grading option. Please contact the Registrar's Office at REGISTRAR@NJCU.EDU.

Does this policy apply to a course where a student has already earned a W grade for Spring 2020 semester?

If a student has a W grade on their record for a course for the Spring 2020 semester, this option does not apply to that course.

Will this interfere with the number of Pass/Fail grades that a student can utilize after the Spring 2020 semester.

The P grade will not count toward the existing limit of eight P/F credits.

If a student's grade is not submitted or posted in time for them to select the Spring 2020 grading option, will the student be allotted more time?

The Registrar's Office will be able to assist any student whose Spring 2020 grades were submitted late. This will be done on a case-by-case basis.

Does the Spring 2020 Grading Option replace the existing Pass/Fail policy or is this an additional option for students?

The Spring 2020 Grading Option replaces the existing Pass/Fail policy. All graduate students must opt to elect the appropriate Spring 2020 Grading Option.