

# Undergraduate 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?

All grades will not automatically convert.

**Undergraduate:** Only the grade of DCR and NC will automatically convert. Students that want a grade of P must opt to do so. The DCR and NC grades automatically convert to the appropriate grade.

Below you will find the grade conversion equivalencies.

P = A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C-

DCR = D

NC = F

### P Grade Option

- Students that receive a “C-” or better can request a “P” grade through GothicNet. See instructions.
  - The “P” grade will:
    - Fulfill college and major requirements
    - Credits will count towards graduation
    - Will not impact a student’s GPA
    - Will not count toward the existing limit of nine P/F credits

### DCR Grade Option

- A grade of “D” will automatically change to a “DCR” grade. This is an automated process and no action is needed by the student.
  - The “DCR” grade will:
    - Credits will count towards graduation
    - May not be satisfactory for certain requirements (Please contact your academic advisor)
    - Will not impact a student’s GPA
    - Will not count toward the existing limit of nine P/F credits

### NC Grade Option

- A grade of “F” will automatically change to an “NC” grade. This is an automated process and no action is needed by the student.
  - The “NC” grade will:
    - Will not be considered a failure of the course
    - Will not impact a student’s GPA
    - Credits are not earned for the course

### 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 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 following message will display on the transcript.

**Undergraduate:** 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/DCR/NC option in undergraduate courses.

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

All students opting for a P or DCR grade will receive credit for that course (*for credit bearing courses*). The P, DCR and NC grades will not impact a student's GPA. The P grade will meet all curricular requirements. The DCR grade will only meet certain curricular requirements. Please check with your academic advisor to inquire how the DCR grade impact your degree progress.

In the case of programs that fulfill the academic requirements for licensed professions, students are encouraged to check with their academic advisor 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?**

Yes. For undergraduates, IN grades earned during Spring 2020 semester that change to a letter grade will convert to the appropriate Spring 2020 grading option. Undergraduate students that earn an A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C- are required to opt for a P grade. The DCR and NC grades automatically convert. Please contact the Registrar's Office at [REGISTRAR@NJCU.EDU](mailto: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 and DCR grades will not count toward the existing limit of nine P/F credits.

**Will successfully retaking the course in subsequent semesters replace the NC grade?**

No, the NC grade will not be replaced and will continue to appear on the transcript. A grade of NC is not calculated into the GPA; therefore, it will not impact the 16-credit university limitation on repeats.

**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 undergraduate students must opt elect the appropriate grading option.