

Spring 2020 Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Grading Option

Due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic this semester, academic policies have been changed for the Spring 2020 semester to provide students with greater flexibility. As a result, most Spring 2020 undergraduate and graduate courses (excluding LAW) will be eligible for Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grading, and all completed courses with passing grades under P/NC will be available for use towards academic requirements, including major, minor, program of study, certificates, and University Studies.

Faculty are required to issue course letter grades for all students. Students who elect P/NC option for a course will have their letter grade converted to a "P" or "NC" grade on their official transcript, but the university will maintain a record of the actual letter grade earned.

The P/NC option provides the following:

A grade of "P" on the transcript:

- undergraduate courses: grade of D- or better
- graduate courses (excluding LAW): grade of C or better

A grade of "NC" on the transcript:

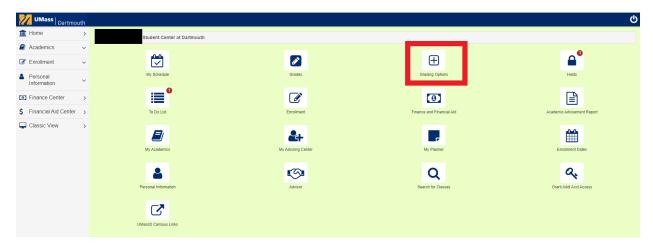
- undergraduate courses: grade of F
- graduate courses (excluding LAW): grade of C- or worse

In order to invoke the P/NC grading option for individual Spring 2020 course in COIN, undergraduate and graduate (excluding LAW) students may select this option in COIN beginning on Friday, May 1, 2020. If students do not elect P/NC in COIN by Friday, May 15, 2020, they will receive letter grades.

Please carefully review the Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Frequently Asked Questions at https://www.umassd.edu/academics/student-support-continuity/faq-pass-no-credit-option/ and consult with your academic and/or professional advisor, as well as mentors, prospective employers or graduate schools before choosing the P/NC grading option.

To Select Pass/No Credit (P/NC):

1. Log into COIN Student Center and select the **Grading Options** tile.



Deadline: May 15, 2020

2. Select **2020 Spring** Term and then **Go to Select Option**.

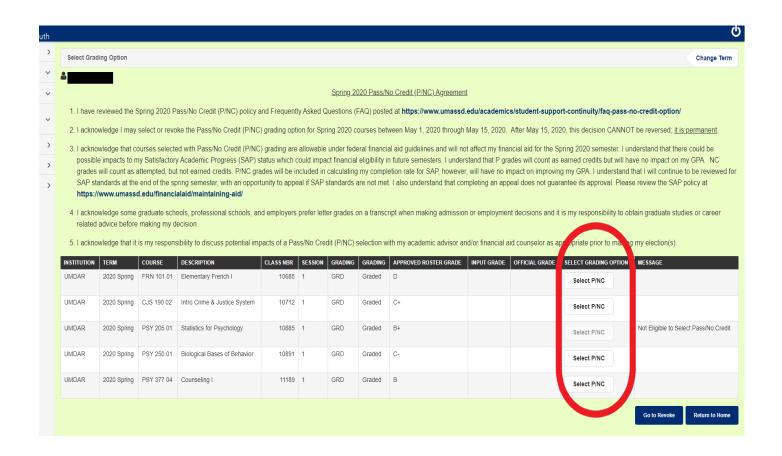


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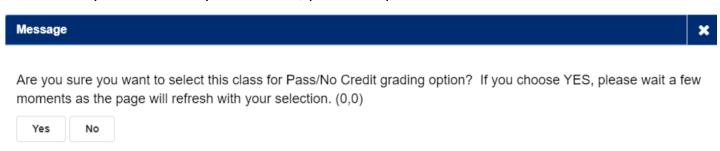
Spring 2020 Pass/No Credit (P/NC) Agreement

- 1. I have reviewed the Spring 2020 Pass/No Credit (P/NC) policy and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) posted at https://www.umassd.edu/academics/student-support-continuity/faq-pass-no-credit-option/
- 2. I acknowledge I may select or revoke the Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grading option for Spring 2020 courses between May 1, 2020 through May 15, 2020. After May 15, 2020, this decision CANNOT be reversed; it is permanent.
- 3. I acknowledge that courses selected with Pass/No Credit (P/NC) grading are allowable under federal financial aid guidelines and will not affect my financial aid for the Spring 2020 semester. I understand that there could be possible impacts to my Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status which could impact financial eligibility in future semesters. I understand that P grades will count as earned credits but will have no impact on my GPA. NC grades will count as attempted, but not earned credits. P/NC grades will be included in calculating my completion rate for SAP, however, will have no impact on improving my GPA. I understand that I will continue to be reviewed for SAP standards at the end of the spring semester, with an opportunity to appeal if SAP standards are not met. I also understand that completing an appeal does not guarantee its approval. Please review the SAP policy at https://www.umassd.edu/financialaid/maintaining-aid/
- 4. I acknowledge some graduate schools, professional schools, and employers prefer letter grades on a transcript when making admission or employment decisions and it is my responsibility to obtain graduate studies or career related advice before making my decision.
- 5. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to discuss potential impacts of a Pass/No Credit (P/NC) selection with my academic advisor and/or financial aid counselor as appropriate prior to making my election(s).

- 4. After reading the agreement, you may use the button in the Select Grading Option column to **Select P/NC**. Please note:
 - a. A greyed-out course indicates that the P/NC grading option is not allowed.
 - b. You may select P/NC prior to viewing your grades, but if you are waiting to select the option until grades are available for viewing, please note that the deadline for faculty to submit grades is May 10, 2020. If your grades are not posted by the deadline, please contact the course instructor.
 - c. The "Approved Roster Grade" appears when the faculty has submitted a grade prior to posting on the official transcript.
 - d. The "Input Grade" is the grade submitted by the faculty on the grade roster, which will populate after grades are posted.
 - e. The "Official Grade" is the grade that will be posted on the official transcript. If you select Pass/No Credit (P/NC) option, depending on the submitted grade you receive, the "Official Grade" will become either "P" or "NC".



5. Once you select the **Select P/NC** button, a pop-up window will appear asking you to confirm your choice. If you click YES, please be patient.



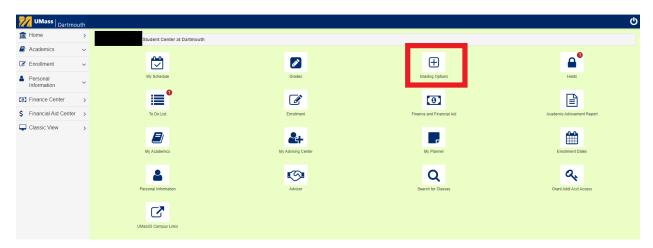
6. The page will refresh with the Grading Basis changed to PNC and Pass/No Credit, and a message that Pass/No Credit has been selected for the course(s).



7. A confirmation email will be sent to you with the course information and date/time stamp. The confirmation will be recorded in your academic student folder.

To Revoke Pass/No Credit (P/NC):

1. Log into COIN Student Center and select the **Grading Options** tile.



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2. Select **2020 Spring** Term and then **Go to Revoke Option**.



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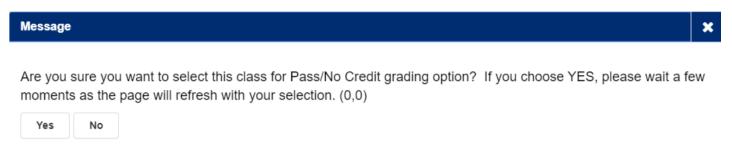
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4. Once you finish reading the acknowledgement, you may click the **Revoke P/NC** button to return courses for which you have previously chosen P/NC to a graded option. A greyed-out course indicates that the P/NC grading option has not been previously selected.

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UMDAR	2020 Spring	ENL 631 01	Teach Tech Profess Writ	10879	1	PNC				Revoke P/NC]
UMDAR	2020 Spring	ENL 750 03	Grad Thesis/Project	15575	1	PNC	IP			Revoke P/NC	
										Go to Select	Return to Home

5. Once you select the **Revoke P/NC** button, a pop-up window will appear asking you to confirm your choice. If you click YES, please be patient.



6. The page will refresh with the reverted grading basis, and a message that Pass/No Credit is not selected for the course(s).

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