



WCU Alternative Grading Policy



Academic Year 2020/2021
Graduate Courses

What is the Academic Year 2020-2021 Alternative Grading Policy?

The University understands that the COVID-19 pandemic continues unabated and, in many ways, has increased in its disruption since the start of the Fall 2020 semester. We realize that the stresses of this reality are causing students to be more anxious than ever before. When we implemented the COVID-19 grading policy for Spring 2020, we found that students ultimately ended up performing better when compared to previous Springs semesters. Many of us believe that this was because the policy provided students with the opportunity to focus on learning instead of worrying so much about their grades.

It is in this context that we are announcing that the COVID-19 Alternative Grading Policy adopted for the Spring 2020 semester will be applied to the entire 2020-2021 Academic Year which encompasses the **Fall 2020, Winter 2020/21, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021** semesters.

This policy allows all of us to focus on what was important –
student success and *learning*.



There are **two** different grading models students can select on a course-by-course basis...



Option 1 *When a student earned a grade of...*

- A , A- , B+ , B , or B- : The grade is recorded on the transcript and is calculated in the Term and Cumulative GPA.
- C+ , C , C- : The grade is recorded as "Earned Credit" (E) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.
- F : The grade is recorded as "No Credit" (N) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.



Option 2 *When a student earned a grade of...*

- **A** : The grade is recorded on the transcript and is calculated in the Term and Cumulative GPA.
- **A- , B+ , B , B-** : The grade is recorded as "Satisfactory" (S) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.
- **C+ , C , C-** : The grade is recorded as "Earned Credit" (E) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.
- **F** : The grade is recorded as "No Credit" (N) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.



OPTION 1 (Graduate Courses)			
Grade Earned for Course	Grade Listed on Transcript	Credit Earned?	Impact GPA?
A	A	Yes	Yes
A-	A-	Yes	Yes
B+	B+	Yes	Yes
B	B	Yes	Yes
B-	B-	Yes	Yes
C+	E	Yes	No
C	E	Yes	No
C-	E	Yes	No
F	N	No	No

OPTION 2 (Graduate Courses)			
Grade Earned for Course	Grade Listed on Transcript	Credit Earned?	Impact GPA?
A	A	Yes	Yes
A-	S	Yes	No
B+	S	Yes	No
B	S	Yes	No
B-	S	Yes	No
C+	E	Yes	No
C	E	Yes	No
C-	E	Yes	No
F	N	No	No

Transcript Key:

- E = Earned Credit (Credit Earned, No GPA Impact)
- N = No Credit (No Credit Earned, No GPA Impact)
- S = Satisfactory (Credit Earned, No GPA Impact)



The Registrar's Office understands that you may have many questions regarding the Alternative Grading Policy, it's different options and the impacts on your record.



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