

2020 Temporary Changes

Expectations: Changes are made and shared with students, staff, and faculty prior to the advising and registration period for the future term.

For Winter 2021, the class schedule is set to be published October 30, with advising to begin at that time. Registration is set to begin November 16.

Question for Academic Council: Which of the temporary changes in place for Fall 2020 should remain in place for Winter 2021?

Grading Option Changes

These are unprecedented times for many UO students and faculty. Because of the issues involving COVID-19 (coronavirus), coupled with the current social and economic instability students might be experiencing, we have created a new grading policy that offers a simple and consistent approach. We hope this alleviates any anxiety you might be feeling about grades and encourages you to focus on learning.

This is a difficult time for all of us, but your continued education remains an extremely high priority for the University of Oregon community. These **grading changes go into effect immediately**, and we have communicated the new policy to our faculty and instructors.

Spring, Summer, and Fall 2020 Terms

Here are the new grading options for spring, summer, and fall term 2020 courses. These adjustments are in effect for undergraduate and graduate courses except for graduate courses offered in the JD and LLM programs in the Law School, which are under a different policy passed by the Law School.

1. The deadline to change grade-optional courses from graded to P/NP (pass/no-pass) or from P/NP to grade will be extended 30 days after the date that final grades are posted for that term. That means all students will have time to decide whether to change to P/NP or graded once they see their final grades.

Deadlines to change grade-optional courses from graded to pass/no-pass

Term	Extended Deadline
Spring	July 16, 2020
Summer	October 16, 2020
Fall	January 16, 2021

2. The option to change from graded to P/NP or from P/NP to graded will be available for all courses that are designated as graded only and for grade-optional courses.
3. Courses that are designated as P/NP only will remain as they are. There will be no additional options for these courses.
4. Any course grade of P will be counted as a P* grade for the purposes of the policies below. This means that courses taken as P/NP can count toward graduation requirements. Credits earned in courses offered only as P/NP will use the P* designation.
 - a. Undergraduate: “Students must earn 168 transfer or University of Oregon credits with grades of A, B, C, D, or P*.”
 - b. Graduate Master’s degrees: “A minimum of 24 credits must be University of Oregon graded (not pass/no pass) credits.”
5. Instructors of record shall maintain letter grades throughout the term and record final course grades for students in all courses (and only assign P/NP grades for courses that are designated as P/NP only).
6. If a student chooses P/N by the deadline, grades will be recorded as follows:
 - a. Undergraduate: a P grade for a C- or above, and an N grade for a D+ or below.
 - b. Graduate: a P grade for a B- or above, and an N grade for a C+ or below.
 - c. Law: a P grade for a D- or above, and an N grade for an F.
7. Departments are asked to waive any requirements that (a) limit how P/N courses count toward the major; that (b) require specific grades for courses that count toward the major; or that (c) serve as prerequisites for other courses. This is especially important for cases where the lack of such a waiver will require students to enroll in an additional term or delay graduation for students.

Modification for Undergraduate Students Who Have Applied to Complete Their Undergraduate Degree at the Conclusion of the Current Term (effective for the Summer 2020 graduating class)

For undergraduate students who have applied to complete their undergraduate degree at the conclusion of the current term, pass/fail grading option changes need to be submitted no later than the end of day (11:59 pm) on the Monday following the grade deadline for that term.

- This modification allows the Registrar’s Office to process all pass/no pass grade option changes for members of the current graduating class, with all the rippling impacts, prior to posting degrees on the transcript, sending transcripts held for degree posting, and reporting completed degrees, as required.
- This modification prompts those who desire post-term grade option changes to move quickly, while minimizing the overall delay in degree posting for the entire graduating class.
- With this modification in place, colleagues in the Registrar’s Office expect to post degrees (for all applicants whose degree requirements have been met) within 10 working days, following the end of the term.
- With this modification in place, colleagues in the Registrar’s Office will directly communicate the shortened timeline to the members of the graduating class and to our advising colleagues across the university.

Winter 2020 Term Grading Option Deadline

The extended deadline to change from Graded to Pass/No Pass for Winter 2020 expired April 24, 2020. To request an SRC petition to change grade mode for a Winter 2020 course, contact the Office of Academic Advising, <https://advising.uoregon.edu>.

Grading Option Rules

All of the rules about grading option changes are still in effect; review the rules below. If you have questions, [speak to an advisor](#) about your options before making a final decision.

1. The course will need to permit the P/NP grade mode. Graded-only courses cannot be changed to P/NP.
2. D-range grades (D+, D, D-) earn credit towards a UO degree and impact your UO GPA. If you decide to change a D-range grade to the “No Pass” option, you will not earn credit towards your degree; however, a “No Pass” has no impact on your GPA. Not earning course credit (No Pass) or earning credit with a lower grade (D or D-) could have Financial Aid implications. Students should speak to an advisor or Financial Aid Counselor.
3. D-range grades can fulfill some of your Core Education requirements (Multicultural/Cultural Literacy, Groups/Areas of Inquiry). If you change a D+, D or D- to a “No Pass” for one of these courses, you will not earn credit for the course and these Core Education requirements will not be fulfilled.
4. Students must still earn 168 transfer or University of Oregon credits with grades of A, B, C, D, or P*. If you elect to change your grading option to “Pass or No Pass,” those credits will not go toward this requirement.
5. If a major or minor requires a course to be graded, students might want to maintain a graded option. Courses changed to Pass/No Pass may not meet major requirements unless approved by the major department.

Differences between D-range grades (D +/-) and No Pass:

	D+, D, D-	No Pass
Impact GPA	Yes	
Core Ed Requirement		
Multicultural/Cultural Literacy	Yes	
Areas of Inquiry / Groups	Yes	
Graduation Requirements		
168 graded credits	Yes	
Required to be graded for the Major	Maybe	*only with department approval
Required to be graded for the Minor	Maybe	*only with department approval
Financial Aid Implication	Maybe(link sends e-mail)	Maybe(link sends e-mail)

Spring 2020: Graduation Extension

The deadline for spring graduation applicants to complete degree requirements has been extended through September 11, 2020. An October 30, 2020 extension is available by request to uodegree@uoregon.edu. Students who require registration for their degree in terms after Spring 2020 are not eligible for this extension.

Fall 2020 Changes

For the most comprehensive and up-to-date information regarding Fall 2020 please visit the [Return to Campus page](#).

Online Fee

The \$25 per credit online fee will be charged and refunded for Fall 2020 term courses.

As we plan a return to campus for fall 2020, students will have the option to select from online, remote, or in-person formats. Over the summer, several of UO's high-enrollment undergraduate courses are being redesigned for online delivery. These courses are undergoing a rigorous design process to ensure rich interaction and a robust student learning experience. The University of Oregon attaches a \$25-per-credit fee to all online courses to pay for instructional design, supporting technology, and the infrastructure of the system. **For the fall 2020 term only**, as we purposefully move targeted high-enrollment courses online to comply with guidelines for physical distancing, we will refund the online fee. This will help ease the transition and minimize the impact for students who need to take a high-enrollment course being offered exclusively online without a remote or face-to-face alternative. The fee will appear on your bill as a charge, but it will be automatically credited back to your account so there is no need to pay the online fee.

First-Day Mandatory Attendance

For courses identified as requiring mandatory attendance the first day, students must attend the first class or notify the instructor by the end of the first class meeting that they will not be able to attend.

Remote After Week 9

The university anticipates ending in-person classes after Week 9, just before Thanksgiving. Week 10 will be fully remote as will final examinations.

Additional Helpful Information

Definitions of Delivery for Courses

- On Campus: On-campus meeting times and locations as scheduled
- Remote: Classes will include live engagement during scheduled class periods
- Online: No on-campus meetings

Fall In-Person Precautions

Here are a few ways we are preparing for resumption in Fall 2020 to limit the spread of COVID-19 on campus:

- All in-person classes will be limited to 50 people, in rooms that allow for 6 feet of distance between each person.
- We will provide single-use cleaning products in classrooms so individuals can clean their own spaces before and after class.
- We will have enhanced cleaning of high touch points in buildings.

Face Coverings

The UO is requiring faculty, staff, students, visitors, and vendors to wear face coverings in indoor campus settings, as part of its resumption plans. The university is also recommending the use of face coverings when outdoors on campus when physical distancing isn't possible.

[The UO's policy](#) includes an exemption for individuals who have a physical or mental condition or disability that prevents them from putting on, taking off or wearing any face covering, among others. The university will develop procedures to distribute reusable face coverings to members of the campus community and disposable coverings will be made available at the EMU. The current face-covering policy may evolve based on new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Oregon Health Authority.

Spring Term 2020: First-Day Mandatory Attendance

We are suspending enforcement of the Mandatory Attendance requirement for Spring 2020. Students who do not "attend" the first class period will not be removed from courses flagged with this requirement during Spring 2020. Faculty will still have expectations for students to engage with the course through Canvas during the first week, so it is crucial that students read emails and follow faculty instructions for each course.

Winter Term 2020: Disqualifications

We are suspending academic disqualifications. Instead, students who would have been disqualified after winter term 2020 can remain at the UO on probation, and will be required to meet with an advisor during Spring term 2020 to support their future academic success.

Please note that academic standing policies are independent of financial aid policies. Students who would have otherwise been disqualified at the end of Winter term 2020 should check in with the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships if they have any concerns about their eligibility for financial aid in Spring term 2020.
