

Dear VU Community,

In recognition of the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, Vincennes University will provide flexible grading options to students for Spring 2020. VU is introducing a Pass/No Pass option for students. This option will apply to all VU courses, including those that were originally online as well as those that transitioned to online teaching this semester. Grading options for Dual Credit students will be shared at a later time.

Please note that the default grade option is the letter grade and that faculty and instructors will assign a letter grade at the end of the semester as they always do. A letter grade of C or higher will convert to a "Pass" and a "No Pass" will be issued for a letter grade of D or below. VU is temporarily removing the limits on Pass/No Pass credits that may be applied to graduation requirements. Students will have until May 1 to select the Pass/No Pass option.

Because the switch to Pass/No Pass grading may impact a student's financial aid, scholarship, academic transfer requirements, or other requirements, we are asking students to consult with an advisor prior to making their decision.

Students may direct questions to keeplearning@vinu.edu if their academic advisor is not readily available.

I understand that a great deal of information has been shared with you in recent weeks. I encourage you to continue to keep checking your email account for updates.

Lastly, I hope that you are all safe and healthy. VU is proud to serve you and to support our students in their educational journey.

Sincerely,
Dr. Laura J. Treanor
Provost

VU Emergency Grade Options for Spring 2020

Students will have five options for their Spring 2020 courses:

1. Letter grade
2. Pass/No Pass
3. Drop
4. Incomplete
5. Withdrawal from the University

A comment will be added to the transcript of all students enrolled this semester making reference to the COVID-19 pandemic for the S20 semester.

Students will have until Friday, May 1 to make their decision.

***An electronic process for designating the chosen option is underway and will be shared with students and faculty once finalized.**

Specifics about the options:

Letter Grade

- All course grades will default to a letter grade. No action is necessary if this is the option the student chooses.

Pass/No Pass

- Students have until May 1 to switch any course from a letter grade to Pass/No Pass.
- Students must complete an **Emergency Grade Option** form for this switch.
- The minimum threshold for a grade of Pass is defined as a “C” for all courses in Spring 2020.
- Passing grades for courses completed in Spring 2020 will count for any and all degrees, admissions processes, and pre-requisite requirements internal to VU.
- Pass/No Pass grades are not used in computing GPA.
- Pass/No Pass grades will not be detrimental to the calculations for academic honors.

Drop

- Students have until May 1 to drop a course(s).
- Students must complete an **Emergency Grade Option form** for course drops.

Incomplete

- Any student receiving an incomplete for a Spring 2020 class will have the full 20-21 academic year, until the end of the Spring 2021 semester, to clear the incomplete.
- We will strongly discourage faculty and instructors from issuing incompletes.

Withdrawal from the University

- Students must contact the Dean of Students or appropriate campus administrative official to withdraw from the university.

Regarding Academic standing:

- **Academic Dismissal**: No student will be dropped from the University as a result of their performance in Spring 2020. Normal regulation will be reapplied in the fall of 2020.
- **Academic Probation**: No student will be placed on academic probation as a result of their performance in Spring 2020. Normal regulation will be reapplied in the fall of 2020.