



# MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

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## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### [Pass/No Credit Grading Option](#) [Spring 2020](#) [FAQs](#)

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#### **Can students decide to change the grading method on a course by course basis?**

Yes. Students can change all or some of their courses to P/NC.

#### **What is considered as “pass” for grading?**

Undergraduate students must earn a C or better to qualify for the PASS (P) on their transcript and to earn the credit for the course.

There are some situations in which students need only a D or better to count that course toward a requirement. In those cases, students should stick with the regular letter grade method.

Graduate students must earn a B or better to qualify for the PASS (P) on their transcript and earn the credit for the course.

#### **Will changing to P/NC affect admission to a College of Business major?**

No, admission to the major will not be affected. A grade of P is considered a C or better. Students will still need to complete the required courses with a minimum grade of P or C and have a 2.50 total cumulative GPA. Please note a grade of P does not factor into your GPA.

#### **What if I change to P/NC and then do better in the class than I expected? Will students be able to appeal the decision about P/NC once grades have been assigned?**

Yes. See the [University Covid-19 website on P/NC Grading](#) for the process and timeline.

#### **Can faculty decide to not use shaded grading (+/-) during the Spring 2020 semester given the unprecedented situation?**

Yes, faculty are encouraged to consider grading options that recognize the challenging circumstances of the Spring 2020 semester. Please ask your instructor about any changes in grading for this Spring semester to help you make a decision.

## **One of the courses I took this spring was a short course and it concluded March 6. Would this policy apply to this course as well?**

The change applies to full-semester and second-half courses. Short courses in the first half of the semester ended before the institutional and community events that required the P/NC policy change.

## **Will students sitting for the Certified Public Accounting (CPA Exam) be able to use P grades for completed courses?**

Yes, according to AICPA and MNCPA guidelines, P/NC grades will be accepted when listed as completed courses on student transcripts.

## **The College of Business has unique P/NC grading policies/practices, for example “No more than one-fourth of a student’s major shall consist of P/NC grades.” Will these types of policies be enforced during Spring 2020?**

No, all current pass/no-credit policies across campus will be suspended for the Spring 2020 semester.

## **Will graduate students (e.g., MBA and MAcc) really benefit from the P/NC grading option?**

While not common, there are cases where a graduate student might benefit from the P/NC option. According to the Minnesota State Mankato Graduate Course Requirements, graduate students must maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA for all graduate work being counted toward the fulfillment of a graduate certificate or degree and that courses below a C- will not be counted for graduation credit. Thus, there could be cases where no credit (NC) might be advantageous for graduate students and suggest they consult with graduate program advisors.

## **If a program currently does not normally allow a P to count to meet their program requirement, will advisors or department chairs need to fill something out to let the change be reflected in the DARS, or will coding on the DARS change so that it will be accepted automatically?**

The general answer is that coding on DARS will be able to be adjusted to allow a P to count (for the designated term), so that there is no need for students to complete any additional forms.

## **Will the P/NC grading option jeopardize our AACSB Accreditation?**

No, the P/NC grading option will not jeopardize our AACSB Accreditation. Many accredited business schools across the country will be implementing some type of pass/no pass grading option during the Spring 2020 semester. According to AACSB COVID-19 FAQs:

AACSB supports reasonable alternatives to facilitate a safe environment and minimize stress among students. AACSB understands that internal decisions are made at many levels of the institution and

reflect what is in the best interest of the student body. Decisions such as grading systems are local decisions and do not have an impact on AACSB accreditation.