

Grading Option in Response to Global Health Emergence
University of North Carolina Asheville
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Grading and Withdrawals for Spring 2020

The grading and withdrawal policies outlined below are active for the Spring 2020 semester only to address the global health pandemic of COVID-19. The student learning outcomes established for the course must be met and will not be altered based on this change in grading policy.

It is strongly recommended that students consult with their academic advisor or the [Academic Success Center advising staff](#) before selecting either option.

Satisfactory/Withdrawal (S*/W) grading option

Students can choose the S*/W option for all courses in which they are registered in the Spring 2020 semester.

How will the Satisfactory/Withdrawal (S*/W) grading option work?

- Faculty will grade all courses as normal, with standard letter grades, by Friday, May 8th.
- Students can elect to convert their final grade to S* or W starting May 11, 2020 through May 22, 2020.
- Letter grades of A-D would be eligible for conversion to a 'S*' grade. F grades would be eligible for conversion to a 'W'.
- A grade of 'S*' will not be factored into the GPA; however, these courses will count towards earned semester hours.
- Courses converted to an 'S*' under this option will count towards applicable curricular, major, minor, pre-requisite and degree requirements, with the exception of courses or requirements designated by an institution or organization outside of UNC Asheville. This includes requirements set forth in the Joint Engineering Program with NC State (for more information, contact the [Engineering department](#)) and for the Department of Public Instruction Teacher Licensure (for more information, contact the [Education department](#)).
- A grade of 'W' will not be factored into the GPA, will not count towards earned semester hours, and will not fulfill requirements. However, it will count as attempted hours for [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) (SAP) calculations at the end of the term for the purposes of Financial Aid eligibility.
- Students who elect to convert a course to S*/W grading will do so through the Office of the Registrar. A form will be available for the student to select which courses they want to convert to S*/W grading starting on May 11, 2020, and will be available through Friday, May 22, 2020.
- Given this grading shift, we will suspend the Chancellor's and Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester.
- Latin honors for May 2020 graduates will be evaluated *after* the processing of S*/W grade conversions, requiring a cumulative GPA of 3.6 or higher *and* a minimum of 60 credit hours earned at UNC Asheville.
- A comment will be added to all UNC Asheville transcripts for the spring 2020 semester citing the occurrence of COVID-19.

Extended Withdrawal Period

Students are able to withdraw from a course now through Friday, May 22, 2020.

- A grade of 'W' will not be factored into the GPA, will not count towards earned semester hours, and will not fulfill requirements. However, it will count as attempted hours [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) (SAP) calculations at the end of the term for the purposes of Financial Aid eligibility.
- A grade of 'W' taken post the transition to remote learning (i.e. post spring break) in the spring 2020 semester will not count towards the Withdrawal Limit policy.
- It is strongly recommended that students consult with their academic advisor(s) and/or instructor(s) before making this change.