Undergraduate Grading Policy Changes Matrix
University of California, Santa Cruz

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Some of UCSC's undergraduate grading policies were permanently changed for the 2019-2020 academic year, and several temporary changes were made to respond to the graduate student grading strike and the move to remote instruction due to COVID-19. This chart indicates the quarters for which each policy change is effective, and includes the policy source document which provides more detailed information.

Policy Change	Fall 2019	Winter 2020	Spring 2020	Summer 2020	Fall 2020
P/NP earned this quarter are excluded from calculation of 75% grade requirement for graduation Source Source (see footnote)	No	No	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**
P/NP allowed for students below good academic standing Source	No	No	**Yes**	No	No
P/NP allowed if repeating courses previously taken for letter grade Source	No	No	**Yes**	No	No
P/NP allowed for major qualification courses, or major requirements Source	Specific to major, as published in General Catalog	Specific to major, as published in General Catalog	Waiving grading requirements for major is at discretion of department during remote instruction	Waiving grading requirements for major is at discretion of department during remote instruction	Waiving grading requirements for major is at discretion of department during remote instruction
Instructors may assign P/ NP grades to letter-grade-option students if the student	**Yes**	**Yes**	No	No	No

consents to being graded on this basis, if instructor has sufficient information to assign such grades but not enough information to assign letter grades. Source					
Policy Change	**Fall 2019**	**Winter 2020**	**Spring 2020**	**Summer 2020**	**Fall 2020**
Removal of Incomplete Deadline Source	Extended to 6/11/20 for strike/involuntary "I"	No change; see academic calendar	No change; see academic calendar	No change; see academic calendar	No change; see academic calendar
Removal of Incomplete fee is waived for I grades awarded for classes taken this quarter Source	No	**Yes**	**Yes**	No	No
Ongoing policy changes effective fall 2019					
Students who take a major course P/NP when letter grades are required may: i) request the program waive the letter grade policy for that course (at program's discretion) ii) request the instructor change the grade to the letter grade they would have obtained (at instructor's	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**	**Yes**

discretion) iii) request all major courses taken P/NP be converted from P to C and NP to F. Source Process #3					
Undergrads not meeting the 75% grade requirement for graduation may request courses taken P/NP be converted from P to C and NP to F until 75% threshold is reached. Source Process	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Sources:

September 25, 2019: Policy on Grade Option Changes

March 5, 2020: CEP to VPDUE re Missing Grades and the 85% Threshold

April 3, 2020: CEP to Department Chairs, Program Directors, College Provosts re: P/NP Grading in Spring 2020

April 10, 2020: CEP to Department Chairs, Program Directors, College Provosts re: Replacement of Missing Grades from Fall 2019 and Winter 2020

June 4, 2020: CCI and CEP to Department Chairs, Program Directors and Provosts re Final Examinations in Spring Quarter