Temporary Exceptions to Grading Policies
Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

Office of Graduate Education
What are the temporary policy changes?

Graduate students have the option to opt for P/F grading rather than receiving a letter grade.

For these courses, students will earn a “P” for any letter grade C or above.

Students are allowed this election for a total of 3 courses in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

Not all courses will be eligible to be taken P/F.
How can I elect P/F for my courses?

From January 11th, 2021 until May 20th, 2021.

Students may elect Pass/Fail grading for a Spring 2021 course once a final grade is posted for that course.

This election cannot be rescinded.

Instructions for electing P/F can be found on the Comets United website.
What are the effects of electing P/F...
On my GPA?

P – Does not effect your GPA

F – Effects your GPA

Example: Student has a Cumulative GPA of 3.333 after taking 9 hours of coursework. They take a 3 hour course and earn a B-.

Regular grading (B-): New cumulative GPA = 3.167
P/F grading (P): New cumulative GPA = 3.333

P/F grading or regular grading (F): New cumulative GPA = 2.500
On my Assistantship? (TA/RA/GA)

*No effect, as long as...*

Students continue to be enrolled in at least 9 hours per semester
Students maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA
On my Financial Aid?

*Students should contact the Office of Financial Aid at famail@utdallas.edu regarding the impact of a P/F selection.*
On Academic Standing?

For the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters, students who did not meet the necessary criteria for their current academic status will remain in their current academic status without change in enrollment.
What are the limits of these exceptions?
How many courses?

*Students can choose a total of 3 courses in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.*

Ex. 1 Fall 2020 course and 2 Spring 2021 courses

*This election can only be made once. Once you change a course to P/F, you cannot change it back.*
Can all graduate courses be elected P/F?

Some graduate programs require students to get a grade higher than a C in certain courses. These courses may not be eligible to be taken as P/F.

https://www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/faq/graduate-courses-not-eligible-for-pass-fail/
What about my transcript?

A transcript note will be placed on all enrolled students for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 that will point reviewers to the pass/fail (P/F) grade change election option.
Other considerations?

*Cumulative GPA*

*Core GPA*

*Spring 2021 Graduation Application*

*Exams/Applications*
Questions?

Contact us at

gradeducation@utdallas.edu
Specific Questions?

Contact your academic department (and please be patient)

www.utdallas.edu/covid/response/faq/#grades