



# WCU Alternative Grading Policy



Spring 2020  
Graduate Courses

# *What was the Spring 2020 Alternative Grading Policy?*

In the midst of the Spring 2020 semester, the COVID-19 pandemic turned our lives upside down. West Chester University stood by the promise to put students first and foremost in order to help them succeed by maintaining an educational environment centered on learning. The focus was for students to acquire knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in their personal and professional lives.

Students were given the capability to choose the grading system that worked best for them on a course-by-course basis once grades were posted at the end of the semester.

This temporary policy allowed all of us to focus on what was important – *student success* and *learning*.



There were **two** different grading models students can select on a course-by-course basis...



## Option 1 *When a student earned a grade of...*

- A , A- , B+ , B , or B- : The grade is recorded on the transcript and is calculated in the Term and Cumulative GPA.
- C+ , C , C- : The grade is recorded as "Earned Credit" (E) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.
- F : The grade is recorded as "No Credit" (N) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.



**Option 2**     *When a student earned a grade of...*

- **A** : The grade is recorded on the transcript and is calculated in the Term and Cumulative GPA.
- **A-** , **B+** , **B** , **B-** : The grade is recorded as "Satisfactory" (S) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.
- **C+** , **C** , **C-** : The grade is recorded as "Earned Credit" (E) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.
- **F** : The grade is recorded as "No Credit" (N) on the transcript and is not calculated in the Term or Cumulative GPA.



OPTION 1 (Graduate Courses)			
Grade Earned for Course	Grade Listed on Transcript	Credit Earned?	Impact GPA?
A	A	Yes	Yes
A-	A-	Yes	Yes
B+	B+	Yes	Yes
B	B	Yes	Yes
B-	B-	Yes	Yes
C+	E	Yes	No
C	E	Yes	No
C-	E	Yes	No
F	N	No	No

OPTION 2 (Graduate Courses)			
Grade Earned for Course	Grade Listed on Transcript	Credit Earned?	Impact GPA?
A	A	Yes	Yes
A-	S	Yes	No
B+	S	Yes	No
B	S	Yes	No
B-	S	Yes	No
C+	E	Yes	No
C	E	Yes	No
C-	E	Yes	No
F	N	No	No

**Transcript Key:**

- E = Earned Credit (Credit Earned, No GPA Impact)
- N = No Credit (No Credit Earned, No GPA Impact)
- S = Satisfactory (Credit Earned, No GPA Impact)



The Registrar's Office understands that you may have many questions regarding the Alternative Grading Policy, it's different options and the impacts on your record.



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