



Pass/Not Pass Grade Option for Winter 2020

Recognizing that additional learning challenges have been placed on our students due to the COVID-19 pandemic, George Brown College is now offering students the following grading options for eligible Winter 2020 courses:

1. **Keep your assigned letter grade**, which will contribute to your GPA. No action required. Grades for the Winter 2020 term will be available on [STU-VIEW](#) starting on May 2, 2020.
2. **Replace your letter grade with a Pass (P) or Not Pass (NP) grade***, which will be excluded from the calculation of your GPA. You can request the Pass/Not Pass option through [STU-VIEW](#) from May 2, 2020 until May 22, 2020.

* Please note that some programs and courses are ineligible for the Pass/Not Pass options – [see here for a full list of ineligible programs and courses](#).

We hope that this option for a Pass/Not Pass grade will help to ease some of the stress our students are experiencing during these exceptional times.

However, we do ask students to closely review the below information to ensure they fully understand the impact of requesting a grade change.

Important Dates

Please review the following dates related to the Pass/Not Pass (P/NP) option for Winter 2020:

Date	Details
April 1, 2020	College email sent to students and faculty announcing new grading options
May 2, 2020	Students can view their grades on STU-VIEW
May 2 to May 22, 2020	Eligible students can request that letter grades be replaced with Pass/Not Pass grades using a new request form available via a link in STU-VIEW. You will be required to agree to Terms and Conditions and verify that you understand the ramifications.
May 25 to May 29, 2020	Requests will be reviewed and processed by the Office of the Registrar

Date	Details
June 1, 2020	Students can view revised grades on STU-VIEW

Important Considerations for Students

Please review the following information concerning the impact of—and conditions for—choosing to replace a letter grade with a Pass (P) or Not Pass (NP) grade:

- **Some programs and courses are ineligible for the Pass/Not Pass (P/NP) option.** [Click here for a full list of ineligible programs and courses.](#)
- **Pass (P) grades** may count towards your program requirements, but this new grade will not contribute to your GPA calculation.
 - Only passing letter grades (i.e. D or higher) can be replaced with a Pass (P) grade on a student's Academic Record.
 - However, on the Academic Progress (CAPP) Report, a Pass (P) grade is considered equivalent to a D. Therefore, if a course has a minimum grade requirement higher than D, the requirement **will remain unmet** – meaning the student will still have technically failed the requirement. This maintains academic integrity, while also being advantageous to the student, since the Pass (P) grade does not contribute to the calculation of their GPA.
 - The minimum grade requirement may differ for certain courses; please consult your course outline for details.
 - Students who obtain a passing grade of **C-** or higher are advised to consider keeping this letter grade.
 - Students who obtain a passing grade of **D+** or lower are advised to consider replacing this letter grade with a Pass (P) grade to improve their GPA.
- **Not Pass (NP) grades** will not count towards your program requirements, but this new grade will not contribute to your GPA calculation.
 - If the course is required to complete your program, you will need to complete and pay for the course at a later date.
 - Courses with a grade of **F** can only be replaced with a Not Pass (NP) grade.
 - A Not Pass (NP) grade will not contribute to failed courses attempted, as outlined in section [6.1 of the Office of the Registrar Policy on Repeating Course.](#)
- **Incomplete (INC) and Standing Deferred (SD) grades** cannot be replaced.
- **Students who intend to pursue further education** should consider that post-secondary institutions may require letter grades with GPA values for admission purposes or transfer credits.

- **Accreditation or certification bodies** may require letter grades with GPA values for acceptance or transfers.
- **Awards and scholarships** may require a letter grade or a minimum GPA or CGPA. Students who choose to replace their letter grades with a Pass/Not Pass grade may not be eligible for some awards or scholarships.
- **Grade changes will be final and are not eligible for appeals.**

Grade Changes, Graduation and Official Transcripts

Official Transcripts:

If you request the Pass/Not Pass (P/NP) option and also require an official transcript, you should request that your transcript be sent **after June 1, 2020**.

If you request a transcript before this date and a change is made to your academic record, you will be required to submit and pay for a new request.

Graduation:

The Academic Records office will begin graduating eligible students on April 29, 2020. Transcripts for graduates will be available on or after this date, as final grades are received.

For more information about transcripts, please visit the [Transcripts, Credentials, and Confirmation of Enrolments](#) page.

You must acknowledge that you have read and understood the above information prior to submitting a request for the Pass/Not Pass option.