

Mercer County Community College

Pass (P)/No Credit (NP) Option for Spring 2020

Mercer County Community College is deeply committed to supporting its students and ensuring that students' academic progress is not adversely affected by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. In that spirit, and to alleviate students' concerns, we are announcing that for the spring 2020 term, students will be able to opt-in for a change from a traditional letter grade to a Pass/No Credit grade. These will show on your transcript as P for Pass and NP for No Credit.

The Pass/No Credit option will apply to courses in the following Spring semester terms: 2020S, 2020S10, 2020S7B, 2020S6B. Students will be allowed to request a change of their letter grade to that of a Pass/No Credit grade through Friday, May 22, 2020 11:59 p.m.

Students will be allowed to choose whether they designate one or more courses to be graded as Pass/No Credit. Students are strongly advised to consult with their faculty advisors, success coaches, and / or program advisors. Program advisors should be consulted for all select admission programs like those in the Health Science prior to opting to elect the Pass/No Credit option.

The grade conversion will be as follows: all earned grades from A to C will be changed to "Pass" and grades of D and F will be changed to "No Credit". **Pass or No Credit grades will not count towards a student's grade point average (GPA).** A grade of Pass will earn the associated credits towards graduation but will not be counted towards the student's GPA. A grade of No Credit will not earn any associated credits, will not count towards the GPA, and the course will need to be repeated to earn credits.

Students who opt-in for the Pass/No Credit option **MUST** submit the *Pass/No Credit Request Form* to the Registrar's office by 11:59 p.m. on May 22, 2020. This form will be available online in the student portal via <http://www.mccc.edu/mymercercer.shtml> from May

14th through May 22, 2020. Any request submitted after the above specified deadline will not be approved and processed.

Pass/ No Credit option is not assigned by the instructors and cannot be changed in future via a grade appeal or grade change request.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will a grade of Pass or No Credit improve (or harm) students' GPA?

Courses with a grade of Pass or No Credit will not be calculated into the GPA and will have no impact on the student's GPA. More importantly, a No Credit will need to be repeated to earn the credits needed to graduate. For courses which are pre-requisites to other courses, the No Credit grade would not be a successful attempt. When considering the Pass/No Credit option, students are strongly advised to consult with their instructors, faculty advisors, and / or program advisors. Students will be allowed to choose whether they designate one or more courses to be graded as Pass/No Credit.

May students select the Pass/No Credit option for any class?

Students will be allowed to choose whether they designate one or more courses to be graded as Pass/No Credit. When considering the Pass/No Credit option, students are strongly advised to consult with their instructors, faculty advisors, and / or program advisors. This is especially important in our select admission programs such as those in the health sciences.

Can students who are on academic probation make use of the Pass/No Credit option?

Yes, but students who need to improve their academic standing will not see an impact on their GPA if they have chosen Pass/No Credit. Students on academic probation are strongly advised to discuss their options with a success coach at successcoach@mccc.edu prior to making any decision.

Will the Pass/No Credit option affect a student's financial aid?

It is recommended that the student contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@mccc.edu before electing the Pass/No Credit option.

1. May a student on a scholarship that requires maintaining a specific GPA select the Pass/No Credit option?

Students are advised to refer to the scholarship requirements before selecting the Pass/No Credit option.

2. Can students in the Mercer Honors Program use the Pass/No Credit option?

Yes, students in the Mercer Honors Program may opt for the Pass/No Credit for the spring 2020 semester and retain their status in the Mercer Honors Program.

3. Will a Pass grade transfer to another higher education institution?

MCCC is unable to guarantee that another higher education institution will accept courses taken under the Pass/No Credit option. Students should consult with the college / university they intend to transfer to.

4. May a student who receives a grade of Incomplete (I) request a grade of No Credit?

Students with a grade of Incomplete (I) may opt for No Credit option. All such requests MUST be made by submitting the *Pass/No Credit Request Form* to the Registrar's office by 11:59 p.m. on May 22, 2020. This form will be available online at https://www.mccc.edu/student_services_forms.shtml from May 14th through May 22, 2020. Any request submitted after the above specified deadline will not be approved and processed.

5. If I already withdrew from a class in one of the affected terms (2020S, 2020S10, 2020S7B, 2020S6B), do I have the option to request a No Credit grade?

If you already withdrew from a class in one of the affected terms (2020S, 2020S10, 2020S7B, 2020S6B), you DO NOT have the option to request a No Credit grade.

6. How can I get in touch with someone at the registrar's office?

Email registrar@mccc.edu to request a phone or Zoom appointment.