



2020 Winter Term and 2019 Fall/2020 Winter Term Spanned Course Grading

This document provides students in General Studies, Extended Education clarification regarding:

- A. How 2020 Winter Term grades and 2019 Fall/2020 Winter Term spanned grades will be assigned,
- B. Student choices for how grades will appear on their transcript, and
- C. How grades will be used for admission, prerequisite requirements and graduation requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact one of the General Studies Academic Advisors:

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A. How 2020 Winter Term Grades and Grades for 2019 Fall and 2020 Winter Term Spanned Grades Will Be Assigned

- In all courses instructional staff will assign a grade of A+ to F for each student based on term work and final exam outcomes (if applicable) as per the marking scheme indicated in the course outline.
- The final course grades will be available to students in early May 2020.

B. Student Choices for How Grades Will Appear on Their Transcript

The University of Manitoba Senate has passed several motions allowing each student a choice in how their grade will appear on their transcript. These motions are available at:

https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/senate/motions/senate_executive_motions_2020.html

Choices are:

Standard Approach: Accept the Letter Grade received. This is the standard grading approach approved at the UM and represents the default grading approach for students. The grade will be used in GPA calculations. Any grades of “F” received will automatically be entered as “F*” to exclude them from the GPA calculation.

Option 1:

- Accept the Letter Grade received but exclude it from the UM GPA calculations.
- Letter grade will appear on the student’s transcript with a notation indicating that the student chose to exclude it from their UM GPA calculations due to the COVID-19 situation.
- Grades excluded in the calculation of the GPA will not be used in calculating GPA for the purpose of program progression.
- Any grade of “F” received in 2020 Winter Term or 2019 Fall/2020 Winter Term spanned courses will automatically be entered as “F*” to exclude it from the GPA calculation.

- Letter grades will continue to be used to satisfy UM prerequisite requirements for entry into other courses, or admission to other programs, and to satisfy any other program requirements. (APPROVED BY SENATE EXECUTIVE on MARCH 25, 2020)

Option 2:

- Choose to have performance assessed as 'P*'. No letter grade will be recorded or retained. A notation will be used to indicate that the student chose this approach.
- 'P*' grades will be available only if the original letter grade is 'D' or higher and will not be included in the UM GPA calculations. If a student chooses to receive a 'P*' grade, no letter grade will be retained or associated with the student's performance in the course. (APPROVED BY SENATE EXECUTIVE on APRIL 1, 2020)

Option 3:

- The University of Manitoba Senate Executive Committee approved, as of April 8, 2020, a further extension to the Voluntary Withdrawal (VW) deadline to May 10, 2020 for courses taught in the 2020 Winter Term including spanned courses scheduled over the 2019 Fall – 2020 Winter Terms.

If you wish to choose Option 1, Option 2 or Option 3, you must do so by May 10, 2020.

It is recommended that you speak with an academic advisor prior to choosing your options. You will be able to take advantage of this option once you have received your final grade. You will then be able to fill out an online form through UMLearn to request this option. Please watch your email for instructions on how to complete this request. The resource in UMLearn is currently being developed.

Note that "F" grades due to Disciplinary action will not be excluded and you cannot VW from the course.

C. How Grades Will Be Used for Admission, Prerequisite and Graduation Requirements

- Senate mandated that regardless of any choice made with respect to course grading, students will remain obliged to meet all existing admission, prerequisite, progression, degree, and graduation policies and requirements that apply to them. (APPROVED BY SENATE EXECUTIVE on APRIL 1, 2020)
- For more information on how your choice may impact your admission to another faculty/college/school, check the Undergraduate Admissions Office Q&A's: <http://umanitoba.ca/student/admissions/application/>. Choose your faculty of choice, and then read their "Applicant Information Bulletin" (AIB).
 - **Q:** Can a pass grade be used to fulfill an admission requirement(s) to a program?
 - **A:** No. Students must meet the admission requirements for the program to which they have applied. Read the Applicant Information Bulletin for the program carefully.
 - **Q:** If I choose the option to keep a grade but have it excluded from the transcript degree GPA calculation, can this grade be used to fulfill an admission requirement to a program?
 - **A:** Yes. Since the letter grade will appear on your transcript and will remain part of your student record, it will be used to fulfill any admission requirements and GPA calculations used for admission purposes.