

1. When can I switch into credit courses that I registered in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester to the "Pass / Fail" grade?

Our students can make their Pass / Fail grade preferences 13 July -17 July, 2020 by evaluating their success in the courses they take.

No changes / preferences can be made for the evaluation of grades after the preference.

2. Can I choose "Pass / Fail" outside of the specified dates?

No changes / preferences will be made regarding grading option except for the specified dates.

3. How should I decide on my preference of grading (Letter Grade or Pass / Fail)?

Students will be able to see the letter grade, Grade Point Average (GPA), Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) and Academic Standing of the courses they have registered via the system before choosing an option. These preferences of the students, who have to make a choice by taking their academic status into consideration before making grading preferences, are at their own risk.

4. Which courses that I have registered in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester can I switch into the "Pass / Fail" grade?

The preference to switch the grades to "Pass / Fail" grade is valid only for credit courses registered in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. In the event of opting for "Pass / Fail" option, the "Pass / Fail" grading option will be valid for **all credit courses** registered in the current semester.

5. What happens if I choose "Pass / Fail" option for all the credit courses that I have registered? Is my Grade point Average (GPA) calculated as 0.0? In this case, how will my Academic Standing be evaluated?

In this case, the letter grade of the credit courses taken will not be reported in the transcripts, and Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) will not be calculated for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. The grades of all credit courses will be reported as "Pass / Fail". No new evaluation of Academic Standing will be done, Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) and Academic Standing of the students' the latest academic semester will continue to be valid.

6. My Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) is below 2.00 for the first time in my latest academic year. Will my Academic Standing be evaluated as "Probation" if I choose for "Pass / Fail" grading option?

As there will be no new evaluation of Academic Standing regarding our students opting for "Pass / Fail" option in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) is considered as not going down below 2.00 for the second time and Academic Standing of the students who have the before mentioned conditions will not be evaluated as "Probation".

7. My Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) is below 2.00 for the first time in my latest academic year. If I choose to keep my grades as letter grade, how will my Academic Standing be evaluated?

Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) will be calculated for the students choosing to keep their grades as letter grade in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and Academic Standing will be evaluated. Therefore, in the event that Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) is below 2.00 for the second time in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, Academic Standing of the students will be evaluated as "Probation".

8. Am I allowed to choose for "Pass / Fail" grading option if I repeat the course I have taken in a previous semester (or if I take the course to replace the one I have taken in previous semesters) this semester? Will my previous score in my average score to be included in my current average score if I choose for "Pass / Fail" grading option?

The related course in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester can be evaluated as "Pass / Fail" for the courses taken in a previous semester and repeated in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester (or for the courses taken to replace the courses taken in previous semesters). In this case, the grade of the repeated or replaced course will not be included in the student's Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA). However, the course that is counted as substitution will be marked with the sign "*" in the related semester in the transcript and the letter grade taken in the previous semester of the course will be excluded from the average scores. Furthermore, as there will be no calculation of the average score for this semester, in case of choosing "Pass / Fail" option, the information regarding the average score will not be reported in the transcript for the current semester. The changes in the average score due to the related course will be reported in the transcript only for the academic semester with letter grading.

9. Will "Pass / Fail" grades be included in the total of graduation and ECTS credits?

Courses with a "Pass" grade will be considered successful and the credits of these courses will be deducted from the total credits and ECTS credits required for graduation.

10. Can I repeat the course/courses with "Pass / Fail" grade in the next semester, which grade will be valid if I repeat?

In the forthcoming periods, it is possible to repeat a course with "Pass / Fail" grade in the 2019-2020 Spring semester (or a course that will be taken as a substitute for this course in line with the regulations) due to failure or to increase the grade. In this case, if a letter grade is taken from the course, the grade will be included in the calculation of the Average Grade Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) in the following periods.

11. Can I graduate by opting for "Pass / Fail" grading, I am in the term of graduation?

In order to be able to use the 2019-2020 Spring Term course evaluation preferences as "Pass / Fail" for undergraduate program students, the GPA must be at least 2.00.

In order for the Graduate Program students who are in the last semester of the course phase to use their 2019-2020 Spring Semester course evaluation preferences as "Pass / Fail", the GPA must be at least 3.00.

12. Can I choose "Pass / Fail" grading option for the course that I will take the resit exam?

a. I will take the resit exam for the course that I have not taken in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and received a letter grade in the previous academic semesters.

The grade of the related course, which will be attained in the make-up exam, will also be evaluated as a letter grade and the choice of "Pass / Fail" will not be available.

b. In the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, I will take the resit exam for a course I have not taken as a substitute.

i. I have opted for "Pass / Fail" grading option for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and I will take the resit exam for a course that I have taken this semester.

The grade of the related course, which will be attained in the make-up exam, will also be evaluated as "Pass / Fail" and the choice of letter grade will not be available.

ii. I have opted for letter grade option for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and I will take the resit exam for a course that I have taken this semester.

The grade of the related course, which will be attained in the resit exam, will also be evaluated as a letter grade and the choice of "Pass / Fail" will not be available.

c. I repeated a course which I received a letter grade in the previous academic semesters in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester (or I took the course as a substitution for a course I took in previous semesters) and I will take the resit exam for this course.

In this case, it is highly important which grading option the student chose for the 2019-2020 Spring Term. According to this preference, the answers given in items i. and ii. will be valid.

13. I am in the term of graduation, should I consider the possibility of taking a resit exam while I am opting for "Letter Grade" or "Pass / Fail" grading option for my courses in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester?

The students in this situation should decide on their grading option by taking the answers given for the question 12 into consideration.

The decision made regarding grading option is under the responsibility of the student.

14. If the course that I have opted for "Pass / Fail" option is a prerequisite course, how will it be evaluated?

If a "Pass" grade is taken from any prerequisite course, the prerequisite for the related course will be accepted. "Fail" grade will not meet the prerequisite.

15. Can I apply for admission to a Transfer (changing major program) or Minor Program if I choose for "Pass / Fail" grading option?

No changes were made in the application requirements regarding transfer (changing major program), Undergraduate Program and Minor Program. When "Pass / Fail" grading option is opted for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, this does not constitute an obstacle for you to apply.

16. If I transfer to a different program, will my "Pass" grade valid for course exemption?

The courses with a "Pass" grade will be evaluated as successful courses in the transferred program within the university.

17. I have choose "Pass/ Fail" grading option for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. Which grading systems will be valid for the courses that I have attained "Fail" grade in the next semester?

As this procedure is unique to the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, related courses will be evaluated as a letter grade when they are repeated in the following semesters.

18. Can I switch my "Pass / Fail" grading preference for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester into a letter grade in the following semesters?

As no changes / preferences will be made after choosing grading option, in the event that "Pass / Fail" option is preferred, the grading of the related courses cannot be switched to a letter grade in any circumstances. Students should make their choice by being aware of this situation.

19. Will there be any specific information for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester in the transcripts?

A statement that the 2019-2020 Spring Semester is the COVID-19 pandemic period will be included in all students' transcripts.

20. If I choose for the "Pass / Fail" grading option for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and my grade point averages are not calculated, will my scholarships be cancelled?

If the "Pass / Fail" grading option is preferred for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, the Academic Standing of the student will continue as it was in the most recent academic semester, as no Academic Standing assessment will be made. However, the criteria regarding the continuation of the scholarships provided to our students are determined by the relevant institutions and organizations. In order to get detailed information about the continuation criteria for the scholarships, it is necessary to contact the relevant institutions and organizations.

21. I will graduate at the end of the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, if I choose the "Pass / Fail" grading option for my grade evaluation, will my ranking in the program / University be affected?

Students who prefer the "Pass / Fail" grading option for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester will not be included in the assessment while determining the Program / University ranking.

The degrees determined by the university are for the ones who rank first in the program, and the first, the second and the third in the University.

22. I want most of the courses I enrolled in during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester to be counted for my average, but there are course(s) that I think I will fail for various reasons. What can I do?

For the courses you enrolled in during the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, the right to drop the course has been granted until 14 July 2020, regardless of the number of courses (for details see (<https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/ro/semester-leave-course-drop-requests>)). As your "Pass / Fail" grade or letter grade preference for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester will be applied to all your credit courses, you can also consider the option to deregister the lesson(s) when choosing an option.

23. I think that I will be unsuccessful in all my registered courses in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. What can I do?

For the courses that you registered for in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, the right to freeze registration is granted without taking that time period into account until 14 July 2020 (for details, see (<https://ncc.metu.edu.tr/ro/semester-leave-course-drop-requests>)). You may also consider this option while deciding on your preference.

24. I am registered in the Minor Program along with the Major program in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. Can I choose for a different grade evaluation (Letter Grade or "Pass / Fail" Grade) for each?

If there is a common course between the Minor program and the Major program in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, a single grade application should be preferred.

If there is no common course between the Minor program and the Major program in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, a separate grade application may be preferred for each program.

25. When I choose for the "Pass/Fail" grading option for the grade assessment of a course I have taken as a special student in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, can I have this course counted later?

The courses with a "Pass" grade in our university will be evaluated as successful courses in the program. Course counting procedures will be evaluated by the relevant Academic Board.

26. I am studying at a university abroad as part of the student exchange program in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. How will my courses be evaluated at METU when I return?

According to the grade system applied at the university you are studying (including the Pass / Fail system, if any), the grade equivalents of the courses that are counted as successful by the relevant Academic Board are counted as exempt (EX) in your program and your Success Status (Standing) is evaluated as "Satisfactory"

27. As part of the student exchange program I studied at a university abroad in the 2019-2020 Fall Semester and I had my course grades counted. If I choose the "Pass / Fail" grading option in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, how will my situation be evaluated?

The Academic Standing at the end of the 2019-2020 Fall Semester will continue.

28. I am studying as an international student at METU with the student exchange program Exchange in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. Can I choose the "Pass / Fail" grading option?

If you choose for the "Pass / Fail" grading option, you should contact your university about the criteria regarding the counting of courses.

29. I am a graduate program student in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester and am at the thesis stage. Can I choose the "Pass / Fail" rating?

The credited courses taken in the thesis stage are taken as NI (Not Included) since they do not participate in the overall grade average. For this reason, students in the thesis stage cannot choose "Pass / Fail" grade.

30. If I choose for the "Pass / Fail" grading option in the Spring Semester of 2019-2020, can my non-credit courses also be graded as "Pass" and "Fail"?

The "Pass / Fail" preference is only for credit courses; there will be no change in the grading of non-credit courses.

31. During the 2019-2020 Spring Semester, I had the courses which I have previously taken at METU counted with letter grades in the program that I am enrolled in. If I choose for the "Pass / Fail" grading option this semester, will the courses that were counted with a grade change to the "Pass / Fail" grade as well?

Since the courses that were counted with a letter grade are the courses taken before, these courses remain with a letter grade and do not change to the "Pass / Fail" grade.

32. The 2019-2020 Spring Semester is the last semester of the course phase of my graduate program; however, I got a U grade for the second time from the thesis course. If I opt for the "Pass / Fail" grade, can I save my Academic Standing from being "Dismissed"?

No, you can choose the "Pass / Fail" grading option only for credit courses. Students who attain a U grade 2 times in a row or 3 times intermittently from the thesis course will be "Dismissed" due to their failure.

33. The 2019-2020 Spring Semester is the last semester of the course phase of my graduate program; however, I got a U grade from the non-credit seminar course. If I choose the "Pass / Fail" grade, can I save my Academic Standing from being "Dismissed"?

No, you can choose the "Pass / Fail" grading option only for credit courses. Students who do not receive an S grade from the non-credit seminar course until the final semester of the course phase will be "Dismissed" due to their failure.

34. I am taking the course CNG 100. If I prefer the "Pass / Fail" grading option for the semester, will the grade for this course be "Pass / Fail" as well?

No, the grading of non-credit courses, which were previously done as S / U / P, continues with no change. "Pass / Fail" grading option can be applied only for credit courses.

35. If I choose for the "Pass / Fail" grade in 2019-2020 Spring Semester, will I be able to get a Certificate of Honor / High Honor?

If the "Pass / Fail" grade is preferred, the Honor / High Honor Certificate will not be received as the Semester Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) will not be calculated and a new Academic Standing will not be assessed for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester.

36. Can I be a Merit student if I choose the Pass / Fail system for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester?

If the "Pass / Fail" grade is preferred, the Honor / High Honor Certificate will not be received as the Semester Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) will not be

calculated and a new Academic Standing will not be assessed for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. Therefore, you could not be a Merit student in the relevant semester.

However, if you will meet all the criteria after two academic semesters, you could be a Merit Student.

37. I am a SUNY International Joint Program student and I am continuing my education at the other university in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester. If the other university gives my semester grades as "Pass / Fail" grades, will my grades be accepted at METU?

"Pass / Fail" grades in SUNY Programs will be accepted as "Pass / Fail" grades since this grading option is applicable in METU.

38. Until when can I make my course Drop request, for the courses that I cannot follow in the 2019-2020 Spring Semester with distance education opportunities?

Students can submit their drop requests to the Registrar's Office until July 14, 2020.

39. Until when can I apply for semester leave (without counting the duration) for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester?

Students can submit their semester leave requests to the Registrar's Office until 14 July 2020 for Undergraduate and Graduate students and until 8 July 2020 for the English Preparatory Program students.

40. If I choose for the "Pass / Fail" grade in 2019-2020 Spring Semester, can I apply for Campus Exchange Program for 2020-2021 Fall semester?

If the "Pass / Fail" grade is preferred, students cannot apply for Campus Exchange Program for 2020-2021 Academic year Fall semester as the Semester Grade Point Average (GPA) and Cumulative Grade Point Average (Cum. GPA) will not be calculated and a new Academic Standing will not be assessed for the 2019-2020 Spring Semester.

Students can apply for Campus Exchange program in the upcoming semesters if they meet the application criteria.

41. Can pathway students choose "Pass / Fail" option?

Pathway students cannot choose "Pass / Fail" option.

42. I am an international student will my scholarship be suspended if I choose "Pass / Fail" option since my previous standing was probation?

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