

2019-20 GRADUATE CATALOGUE ADDENDUM MARCH 27, 2020

In response to COVID-19, the University of Vermont shifted to remote instruction on March 18, 2020 for the duration of the semester. In response to this shift, the following academic accommodations were extended to students for the Spring 2020 semester only.

- Letter grades will be recorded for the semester. Students will have the option to elect Pass/No Pass (S/U for graduate students) by **May 14 at noon**.
 - Courses in which students earned a “Pass” (P) will count towards major, minor, and degree requirements, **with the exception of** courses in which a specific grade is required for progression or licensure requirements (see next bullet).
 - Students are responsible for understanding the **implications of their decision** to move to Pass/No Pass for courses related to their program’s major requirements, progression standards, and accreditation and licensing requirements.
 - Once a student has elected a Pass/No Pass option, that decision **cannot be reversed**.
 - For grades earned in Spring 2020, UVM will accept Pass grades as sufficient for **transfer credit**.
 - Colleges will waive **academic dismissal** decisions based on performance this semester.
 - **Academic Probation policies** are college/school specific. The Provost’s Office is encouraging colleges to be thoughtful in their use of academic probation this semester.
 - For **scholarships** impacted by GPA, a one-time allowance will be made as follows. The cumulative GPA (calculated based on Pass/No Pass decisions) will be evaluated for each student at the end of the Spring 2020 term. For students who fall below a 3.0 cumulative GPA at that time, the Spring 2020 term GPA will be removed and the cumulative GPA recalculated without it. If the recalculated cumulative GPA is a 3.0 or higher, the student will maintain scholarship eligibility. For all future reviews, the Spring 2020 GPA will be included.
 - Students are able to **withdraw** from any course through April 3. Please note that a student who chooses to, or must, withdraw from all coursework for the Spring 2020 semester, will still maintain scholarship eligibility for the next year as long as they meet the other criteria for renewal and have not exhausted their scholarship length. Check the Student Financial Services website (<https://www.uvm.edu/studentfinancialservices/uvm-scholarship-policies/>) for details regarding the other renewal criteria and scholarship length.
- Students granted incompletes will have the full academic year (until May 7, 2021) to submit the work necessary to convert their incomplete to a final grade.

Students are being given an important responsibility for carefully weighing the potential impacts of these options (Pass/No Pass in particular). **Students are advised to consult with their academic advisors and Student Financial Services to understand the full consequences of their decisions for their particular academic major, graduate school candidacy, financial aid standing, and career path.** Students should begin to explore the implications of these decisions in early April so they are prepared to make informed decisions in May.