

Spring 2020-2021 Undergraduate Optional Grading Policy (This Policy does not apply to Graduate Programs)

Please read the following information carefully. Making the decision to select a different grading system will not apply to all students and may have a negative impact on your academic progress, financial aid, graduate school applications, certifications, licensure, and eligibility to participate in athletics.

It is very important that you discuss the information below with your academic advisor prior to making any decisions. Nursing, Social Work and Dietetics (including post-bac Dietetics students) majors may not choose this option due to accreditation standards. Also, undergraduate Occupational Therapy courses and those used to earn retroactive credits for World Language proficiency are unable to use this policy.

1. We will be using the current Mount Mary University grading policies as outlined in the *2020-2021 Undergraduate Academic Bulletin* (pg. 26-27) that include letter grades ranging from A through F. Faculty will continue to use the methods stated in their syllabi, and you will receive a final letter grade.
2. After receiving a final grade for Spring 2021 courses, you will have an **OPTION** to request a change from your letter grade in each of your individual courses to the Pass, Low Pass or No Pass system below. If you select this option for any course, quality points will not be assigned and there will be no impact on your GPA.

Pass (P)	= credit for	a grade equivalent to a letter grade of C or better
Low Pass (LP)	= credit for	a grade equivalent to a letter grade of CD or D
No Pass (NP)	= no credit for	a grade equivalent to a letter grade less than a D

3. In order to change a letter grade to **P, LP or NP**:
 - **You must first consult with your advisor and Faculty Athletics Representative (Mary Fletcher) if you are a student athlete.**
 - **Next, send a request to the Registrar starting Tuesday, May 25th but no later than Friday, June 4th using the *Change to Pass, Low Pass, No Pass Form* on MyMount Mary under the My Academics tab in Student Forms.**
 - If we do not hear from you by this date, your letter grade will remain as assigned.

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4. All **Pass** grades will fulfill academic program requirements and will not require students to retake a course.
5. All **Low Pass** grades will meet requirements **only at the discretion of the individual academic program.** *There may be requirements from accrediting bodies in certain professions that require a letter grade for licensure or certification, as well as participation in graduate programming.
6. As per the table above, **No Pass** will not receive academic credit.