

## TEMPORARY (SPRING 2020) ADJUSTED POLICIES UNDERGRADUATE COURSE PASS-PASS MARGINAL-NO CREDIT (P-PM-NC) and WITHDRAWAL OPTIONS

Due to the circumstances surrounding the global COVID-19 pandemic and the additional stress and pressures this has placed on our student population, Midland University will allow undergraduate students to opt out of the A-F grade for most courses for the Spring 2020 semester (Nursing courses are excluded from this option in line with other Nursing programs in the state of Nebraska). All other current restrictions on this option will be lifted for the Spring 2020 semester only. A notation of explanation will be placed on students' transcripts. Students have until **05/21/2020** to exercise the P-PM-NC option and can do so by following the procedures described below. Similarly, the University will extend the withdrawal date to the last date of the semester, **05/21/2020**.

***Before making decisions, students should discuss options with their advisor.***

### What Students Should Know:

1. The decision to choose the P-PM-NC option is the responsibility of the student. The P-PM-NC option is **NOT REVERSIBLE** once elected by the student (e.g., if a student elects the P-PM-NC option and ultimately would have received an A, a P will still be recorded).
2. The P-PM-NC grade scale is equivalent to the A-F grade scale as such:

A-F Scale	Pass/Fail Scale
A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-	P
D+, D, D-	PM
F	NC
W	W

3. P-PM-NC grades and Withdrawals **do not calculate into the GPA.**
4. The requirements for Athletic and other Extra-curricular eligibility will remain the same as they are now. Calculations will be completed based on credits earned and GPA.
5. P-PM-NC may render a course non-transferrable to another institution, particularly graduate schools. Some graduate and professional schools do not accept P-PM-NC grades for prerequisite courses. Students planning to apply (or have already applied) to a graduate or professional school are encouraged to consult with that school prior to making a decision about exercising the P-PM-NC option.
6. The undergraduate Temporary Adjusted Policies do not apply to courses that have already concluded in 5 or 8-week segments.

### Procedures:

1. P-PM-NC Option
  - Students **must complete and submit** the Grade Option Form available on **my.midlandu.edu**. Once in my.midlandu.edu, select Academic Resources, and then select Registrar Forms. The deadline will be extended to **05/21/2020**.

- The P-PM-NC option **CANNOT** be applied retroactively. It is the student's sole responsibility to submit the properly completed forms. Any course for which a P-PM-NC form is not completed and submitted by 05/21/2020 will be assigned the A-F letter grade earned.

## 2. Withdrawals

- Students **must submit** the course withdrawal form available on **my.midlandu.edu**. Once in my.midlandu.edu, select Academic Resources, and select Registrar Forms.
- There are no refunds for withdrawn courses, per the standard withdrawal policies already in place. Each student's financial aid is unique, and as such, the student should consult with the Financial Aid Office if there are questions, as withdrawn classes may impact satisfactory academic progress.

## Other Academic Policies That Have Been Modified:

### 1. P-PM-NC Limits

- Typically, courses in the University Core requirements must be on the A-F scale; this requirement will be waived for the Spring 2020 semester only
- Major, minor requirements: Most majors and minors require all courses on the A-F Scale; this requirement will be waived for the Spring 2020 semester only

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- For the Spring 2020 semester, students who meet this threshold will still earn the respective honors.
  - Students who opt into additional Pass/Fail courses, will be eligible for the following honors:
    - At least 6 credits earned on the A-F scale and a 4.0 semester GPA = President's Achievement Award
    - At least 6 credits earned on the A-F scale and a semester GPA of 3.50 to 3.99 = Dean's Achievement Award
    - For Spring 2020, anyone who earns a Spring 2020 term GPA of 2.75 (regardless of credits and in addition to the above awards), earns a **Warrior Grit Academic Achievement** award for perseverance and determination in the face of difficult circumstances.