

# Graduate Pass-Fail Grading Exigency Policy Spring 2020

Given the extraordinary circumstances leading to campus closure and the shift to online learning for the Spring 2020 semester, the Provost has temporarily suspended two sections of the 2019-2020 Graduate Catalog: “Pass-Fail Option,” “Changes in Enrollment,” and “Academic Probation/Suspension Status.” These changes are in effect for the Spring 2020 semester only. Updated policies appear below.

## Pass-Fail Option

**For the Spring 2020 semester**, a student may elect pass-fail grading in a graduate course. This option permits enrichment of the student’s experience without affecting the average grade. A grade of either satisfactory (**S**) or unsatisfactory (**U**) will be awarded, and those courses completed with a satisfactory grade may be counted toward total credit hours earned.

## Changes in Enrollment

Students must consult with their advisers concerning any change of enrollment. Adding a course, changing from credit to audit or audit to credit, changing from one section to another, and changing the number of credits in any variable credit course must be completed by the last day to late register as published in the [University Academic Calendar](#), located on the University’s official website.

**Electing or revoking the Pass-Fail option must be completed between May 9 and June 10, 2020. This change must be recorded with the Office of the Registrar via the appropriate form on WebAdvisor.**

## Academic Probation/Suspension Status

Graduate students may earn degree credit completed at a grade level of C or above **or with a grade of S**. However, the student’s average on all courses attempted for graduate credit which are to be applied to degree completion must be at least a B (3.0 on a 4-point system). Additionally, the student’s grade point average on all courses numbered 700 or above, that are to be applied to degree completion, must be no less than 3.1. Students are advised that some academic programs may have more stringent standards and to contact the graduate Coordinator/Director in their degree program regarding applicable academic standards. Grades earned on credits transferred from other universities do not count in the grade point average. Grades earned below the grade of C do not transfer to Coastal Carolina University.

Students who receive grades below B on 12 credits of degree-required graduate coursework at the University within a 6 year period are suspended from degree candidacy status and are not permitted

to enroll for further courses even as non-degree students, without the specific written approval by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Research. After a grade below B is 6 years old, it will cease to be a disqualifying factor.