

Frequently Asked Questions About Spring 2020 Grading System

1-) Which courses are eligible for the P/F Grading System?

Pass/Fail option is applicable to all undergraduate and graduate level courses upon request of the student, except for those offered by ELC.

2-) What criteria will be used for P/F grading system?

All undergraduate and Graduate School of Business students can request an "S" – Satisfactory/Başarılı grade for each of the courses completed with a letter grade of D or above.

The letter grade of F will continue to be denoted by the letter F for all undergraduate and Graduate School of Business students.

Except for Graduate School of Business Students, all remaining graduate level students can request an "S" – Satisfactory/Başarılı grade for each of the courses completed with a letter grade of C or above.

The letter grade of a course completed with a letter grade lower than C will continue to be denoted by respective letter grades.

3-) When is the deadline for requesting an "S" - Satisfactory grading?

Students are required to indicate their decisions between May 30th and June 12th on KUSIS, after instructors shared their final letter grades for corresponding courses with them. The process, then, will be carried out automatically. You can access the steps to follow on KUSIS via the link <https://registrar.ku.edu.tr/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Grading-Option.pdf>

The faculty member (instructor) should complete the submission of those decisions to the system by no later than the end of June 11th. The system will be closed for data entry after that date.

4-) Can this deadline be extended in connection with Amnesty Exams or any other factor?

The respective faculty member (instructor) should inform Registrar's and Student Affairs Directorate regarding final letter grades for corresponding courses which will be announced after June 11th for various reasons including amnesty and make-up exams.

Although changes in grades which will become effective after June 11th can still be submitted to the system, they will not be taken into consideration in graduation rankings since graduation averages will have already been sorted out.

5-) How will my cumulative GPA be affected if I opt for an "S" Satisfactory/Başarılı grading system?

An "S" grade will earn you credits but will not count toward your cumulative or term GPA.

6-) How are the terms of repeating a course affected?

Upon request of the student, an "S" grade earned in Spring 2020 after repeating a previously F graded course will replace the F letter grade and the F grade will no longer count toward their cumulative GPA.

The student should file a petition indicating their intent to earn an "S" grade after repeating a previously successful (satisfactory) course and submit it to Registrar's and Student Affairs

Directorate in order for the “S” grade to replace previously earned passing letter grade. In the absence of such a petition, previous grade will continue to count toward GPA.

7-) What will happen when an F graded course taken in Spring 2020 is repeated in the subsequent terms?

The letter grade of F will continue to be denoted by the letter F for all undergraduate and Graduate School of Business students and will continue to count toward their cumulative GPA. Upon replacing an F graded course in the subsequent terms with a passing grade, the F grade will no longer count toward their cumulative GPA, however it will still continue to appear on their transcripts as per our usual grading practices.

For all the remaining graduate level courses, the letter grade of a course completed with a letter grade C- or lower will continue to be denoted by respective letter grades. Upon replacing a C- or a lower grade in the subsequent terms with a higher letter grade, the lower grade will no longer count toward the cumulative GPA, however it will still continue to appear on the transcript as per our usual grading practices.

8-) How will the course withdrawal restriction policy apply to Spring 2020 semester?

The following decision will not apply to the Spring 2020 period:

According to September 2013 University Academic Board Decision, overloading students may withdraw from at most 3 courses during the course of their entire academic careers, excluding Summer Semesters and the semesters during which they are on Exchange Programs. However, the number of courses that the current students completed with a letter grade of W before Fall 2013 semester will not be counted in this total.

9-) Will Pass/Fail grading option apply to remedial, make-up and amnesty exams?

Academic Council has unanimously decided that Pass/Fail grading option should also be applicable to amnesty exams for courses taken in Spring 2020 semester as follows:

Pass/Fail grading option is applicable upon the request of the student to all amnesty exams taken until the end of September 2020 amnesty exam period regardless of the term in which the respective course was taken. However, Pass/Fail grading option will not be offered to students who will take amnesty exams after September 2020 amnesty exam period.

Regarding Spring 2020 course registration, Pass/Fail grading option is also applicable to final letter grades obtained from remedial and make-up exams.

10-) Will Pass/Fail grading option apply to previous semesters' courses with Incomplete grades?

Since completion of those courses' requirements by the end of this semester is compulsory, P/F grading option will be applicable upon request.

11-) How we will implement U grade replacement?

In cases where the overall grade for the course in Spring 2020 semester is “F” for undergraduate and Graduate School of Business students:

- **If it was the first time** the student has taken the course, the ‘F’ grade will be replaced by “U” grade automatically,
- **If the course was taken** prior to Spring 2020 semester:

- i-) If the previous letter grade was "F", the system will not allow "U" to be posted as the overall grade. However, within the framework of our existing course repeat policy, the former "F" letter grade will be replaced with the latter "F" grade.
- ii-) If the course was completed previously with a passing grade, the system will not allow "U" to be posted as the overall grade. However, within the framework of our existing course repeat policy, the previous letter grade will be counted toward GPA while the latter "F" will not be.

In cases where the overall letter grade for a course in Spring 2020 is **C- or below** for all remaining graduate students:

- **If this was the first time** the student has taken the course, the grade will be replaced by "U" automatically,
- **If the course was taken before** prior to Spring 2020 semester:
 - i-) If the previous letter grade was "C-" or below, the system will not allow "U" to be posted as the overall grade. However, within the framework of our existing course repeat policy, the higher (better) letter grade will count towards GPA.
 - ii-) If the course was completed previously with a passing grade, the system will not allow "U" to be posted as the overall grade. However, within the framework of our existing course repeat policy, the previous letter grade will be counted toward GPA.