



UM | Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

This contains important information for MPP Pre-Selected students AND those who wish to apply for Dietetic Internship/Practicum programs.

Please read carefully.

With the announcement of the revised University of Manitoba GPA policy, students can choose one of the following grading options for Winter 2020 courses:

Standard Approach: **You can accept the letter grade you received.** This is the default grading approach and your letter grade will be used in GPA calculations.

Option 1: **You can accept the letter grade received, but have it excluded from your UM GPA calculations.** Your letter grade will appear on the transcript, with a note that you chose to exclude it from UM GPA calculations. All grades of F will be automatically inputted in Aurora as F* (excluded).

Option 2: **You can choose to receive a “pass” grade if you receive a grade of D or higher.** No letter grade will be recorded on your transcript and a note will indicate that you chose this approach. The “pass” grade will be excluded from UM GPA calculations, which is the normal way “pass” grades are treated at UM.

Please refer to the U of M’s FAQ page on grades: <http://umanitoba.ca/coronavirus/students#grades>.

How does this impact MPP Pre-Selected students?:

A final grade of B or higher in specified courses will continue to remain a requirement to maintain a Pre-Selected position with MPP. Please refer to the MPP Pre-Selection Application Guide for a complete list of

courses: https://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/dept/fhns/media/pdf/MPP_Pre-Selection_Application_Guide_2019-Final.pdf.

Students may choose Option 1 listed above to exclude their grades for other purposes but any excluded grades will still be considered in the annual review and final graduation checks to ensure students are meeting the minimum requirements for pre-selection (including the minimum 3.0 GPA requirement). The PASS option may **not** be selected for any Winter 2020 courses in order to remain eligible for MPP.

If any Pre-Selected students have concerns about meeting these requirements please contact Taylor at Taylor.Friesen@umanitoba.ca to discuss your situation.

How does this impact my ability to later apply to the proposed Masters of Applied Human Nutrition (MAHN) program?:

The MAHN program will be part of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Students will need to meet the minimum requirements for admission to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, which consist of a *minimum* 3.0 GPA in the most recent 60 credit hours – any excluded grades will still be considered the admission GPA calculation.

While the admission requirements have not been determined for the MAHN program at this time, students should be aware of the following:

Letter grades found in Aurora will be used for the purpose of admissions, even if they have been chosen to be excluded from the GPA. Choosing a PASS for courses *may* negatively impact your ability to apply for this program.

How does this impact my ability to apply for Dietetic programs outside of Manitoba?:

Policies will vary from institution to institution and students are encouraged to contact other institutions directly. Choosing PASS for courses *may* negatively impact your ability to apply for programs.

In summary, if you are currently in or intend to pursue Dietetics, choosing a “PASS” for your courses is not recommended.