

College of Pharmacy Undergraduate Program

What are my grade options for Winter 2020 or Fall/Winter spanned 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.

Note: Students in the College of Pharmacy can choose to exclude grades from their GPA calculations. Excluding a “D” or “F” grade from your GPA calculation will not allow you to progress in the program, as the College of Pharmacy will still require a grade of “C” or better in each course for progression.

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. These pass grades will have no letter grade equivalent.

Caution: This is NOT an option in the College of Pharmacy. A “pass” in a course requiring a letter grade of “C” or better does NOT meet progression requirements.

Please also note, changing to a pass instead of a letter grade may potentially cause issues for you in the future if you are applying for admission to other programs or Universities (i.e. masters, PhD, etc.).

The College is basing these decisions on the following Senate motion:

The Motion approved by the Senate Executive Committee on April 1st indicates:

“THAT regardless of any choice made with respect to course grading, students will remain obliged to meet all existing admission, prerequisite, progression, degree, and graduation policies and requirements that may apply to them.”

If a student experiences academic difficulty due to Covid-19, we will try to work with you on a case-by-case basis to discuss potential options.

Please also note, The University’s VW date has been extended to May 10th, 2020. **Caution: If you VW a course it will have serious consequences on progressing in the Pharmacy program. You will not have completed that course and will not be allowed to progress in the program until it is completed. Please contact the Dean’s Office if you are considering this option.**

Please read these very carefully, as you will have to make a decision on each of your Winter 2020 and Fall/Winter spanned courses by **May 10th**, 2020.