

# Changes to University of Adelaide grading system

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Dear Students,

On 1 April 2020, the University of Adelaide announced changes to the grading system for students impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that you are not disadvantaged in light of the current situation.

Please read the following information carefully to understand how this affects you as a student at the University of Adelaide College.

Please note that the most up to date information for students is always located in the [College FAQs](#) on the website.

## Who is impacted by the change in the grading system?

**Students enrolled in Semester 1 and Trimester 1 courses in the Degree Transfer and Pre-Master's Programs will be affected by the changes in the grading system.** Potentially, these changes will continue for the remainder of the academic year if COVID-19 disruptions persist.

## Who is not affected by the change in the grading system?

The University of Adelaide College students enrolled in the General Academic English Program, Foundation Studies Program, Bridging Semester in the Degree Transfer Program and Bridging Semester in the Pre-Master's Program are not affected by these changes in their current semester of study.

## What are the changes?

The key changes to the grading system are:

- Non-graded passes (NGP):
  - All students will be given the option to choose whether to have any passing grade converted into a non-graded pass (NGP). If students choose this option, their NGP will not count towards their grade point average (GPA) calculations. Students will be given this option following, rather than prior to, receiving their results.
- Fails converted to Withdraw No Fails (WNF):
  - All Fail grades will be changed to WNF, which will not be counted towards GPA calculations.
- Results Pending (RP):
  - RP can be utilised where components of courses are postponed to subsequent teaching periods.

## Do these changes mean that I do not need to meet the learning objectives of a course/program?

Required learning outcomes for courses or programs will not be affected. Students must still achieve their approved learning outcomes to complete a course successfully.

## What does a NGP grade mean to my progression requirements?

A Non-Graded Pass (NGP) means you have passed the course in question, met the learning outcomes and achieved units of study to contribute to your degree completion. You must pass the course to be eligible to opt for an NGP. Although the NGP will not count towards the GPA calculations, it will still count as a credit bearing course for progression to the University of Adelaide.

For more information see the University's [Grade Descriptors](#).

## Why might I want to have my passing grade converted into a non-graded pass (NGP)?

A NGP will not count towards students' grade point average (GPA) calculations.

## Can I apply for a non-graded pass (NGP) for just one or more of my courses?

Yes, each student will have a period of time to decide which course or courses they want to seek a NGP for in the applicable teaching periods. A student can choose to only seek a NGP for one course and maintain the results achieved in their remaining courses.

## When can I choose to have any passing grade converted into a non-graded pass (NGP)?

Students will be given this option following, rather than prior to, receiving their results. Each student will have a set timeframe from the date their grades are provided to them to respond. Students will be updated when more information is available.

## How do I change my grades?

All grades will be made available on Access Adelaide.

Once grades are available, students will be able to submit an online form to request an NGP as their final grade on their academic transcript, if they wish to receive.

The change to record for Fails to Withdraw No Fail (WN) will be automatically applied for Withdraw Fail (WF), Fail No Submission (FNS) and Fail (F) results. Notwithstanding this change, students will still need to repeat the course if it is a required course for their program or a prerequisite for ongoing study.

## Can I repeat a course for a grade later in my program if I choose the NGP option now?

Students cannot repeat a course if they choose the NGP option. A NGP means that the student has passed the course and met the learning objectives.

## Can I change my mind later to revert to my original grade if I choose the NGP option now?

Students cannot change their mind to revert to their original grade for a course after deciding on the NGP option. Once students submit their application to choose the NGP option, the process cannot be reversed.

### What does a WNF grade mean to my progression requirements?

Although the WNF will not count towards the GPA calculations, a WNF grade would mean that the student has not met the learning objectives of the course or program. Students are still required to meet the progression requirements for their program in order to move onto the University at the end of their pathway program. Students can see their progression requirements [here](#) .

### Do I still pay fees for a course if the Fails are converted to WNF?

Although the WNF will not count towards their GPA calculations a WNF grade would mean that the student has completed the course but not met the learning objectives of the course. Fees are not refundable in this situation.

### What does a RP grade mean to my progression requirements?

In courses that require a face-to-face component such as practicals, placements or workshops (among others), the RP grade will be used where these components are postponed to subsequent teaching periods. If a student has received a RP due to the change in the grading system, their progression will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The College will communicate with these students individually.

### If I receive a RP for a course, when can I complete the necessary components to be awarded a grade?

The University of Adelaide College is working closely with the University of Adelaide to determine when students can complete the necessary components. Students will be updated when more information is available.



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