

**Subject:** Important information pertaining to spring semester grading

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**From:** Office of the President

**To:** SRU Stakeholder

Dear Students:

As we move to our modified course plans, I am writing to alert you to a change in grading practices for the current spring 2020 semester.

### **Grading for Spring 2020 Semester Only**

All courses that began the full term or any part of term in a distance format, will keep their original grading structure.

For all courses that began as face-to-face and were converted to distance modalities, the following grading system applies.

- **Option 1:** Graduate and undergraduate students will receive a grade of A, B, C, NC. A grade of NC provides no credit and will not impact GPA. Students who are enrolled in courses with P/NC and P/F will continue to be graded accordingly. Basic Competency/The Rock courses will continue to be graded A, B, C, NC.
- **Option 2:** Undergraduate students will have the option, on a course-by-course basis, to select a P/NC option. **Students should use the P/NC option sparingly and only in consultation with their advisers.** Choosing a P/NC could have adverse effects on future plans. For example, students applying to graduate school, seeking a professional credential, or hoping to maintain an external scholarship may need to have letter grades posted in order to achieve their goals. There may be other instances not specifically listed here in which a letter grade is needed or desirable. **In any instance where there is an external need for a letter grade and P/NC is selected, Slippery Rock University cannot take responsibility for the student's choice and will have little, if any, ability to help remedy the situation.**

About two weeks in advance of the course withdrawal deadline (Monday, April 27), students will be sent an e-communication to select Option 2. If the form is not returned, Option 1 will be applied. For those students choosing Option 2, students will return the Option 2 Grade Form via email to [academic.records@sru.edu](mailto:academic.records@sru.edu). Students returning the Option 2 Grade Form will be sent their schedule to designate their Option 2 course selections.

Students who receive a P will receive credit with no impact on their GPAs. Students who receive NC will receive no credit with no impact on their GPAs. The deadline to elect P/NC is April 27, 2020. A form to make this election will be available on The Office of Records and Registration webpage. **The choice to elect P/NC is irrevocable after April 27, 2020.**

### **Withdrawals for Spring 2020 Semester Only**

All courses that began the semester in a distance format, keep their original withdrawal deadline.

For all courses that began as face-to-face and were converted to distance modalities and all second-half semester courses, the deadline for withdrawals is April 27, 2020.

Students wishing to withdraw from a course may only do so by emailing the course instructor. The last day to withdraw from a course is Monday April 27, 2020. The course instructor in turn, must email [course.withdrawal@sru.edu](mailto:course.withdrawal@sru.edu) the following information:

- o The student's name.
- o The student's Banner ID# (A0\_\_\_\_\_).
- o The Course Reference Number (12\_\_\_\_\_) or course subject/number/section.

The date the student first sends the email to the course instructor requesting permission to withdraw from the course is the date used to determine eligibility for a course withdraw.

The student withdrawing from a course is encouraged to communicate with their academic adviser and financial aid (if receiving aid) on their intention to withdraw to determine if there will be any impact.

As a reminder, a student's Slippery Rock University email is the University's official means of communicating with students about this and other important matters.

If you become ill or are caring for someone who is ill, I encourage you to discuss with your professors the possibility of obtaining grades of "Incomplete" this semester. This work can be made up once your health/caregiving concerns subside.

As always, I encourage you to reach out to your professors and/or advisers as we sort through the many challenges that the COVID-19 disruption brings. We are here to help. Please take care of yourselves and continue to practice social distancing. Together, we will get through this.

Best,

Bill Behre  
President