

# MARIST

## Spring 2020 Grading Policy

In light of unique challenges faced by students amid the COVID-19 pandemic, and consistent with many other colleges and universities in the United States, Marist College has modified its “Pass/No Credit” (P/NC) policy. The modified policy applies to undergraduate courses currently underway in the Spring 2020 semester. All graduate-level courses will continue to be graded on an A-F scale.

Students who choose to opt into the modified Pass/No Credit (P/NC) policy are expected to understand the full implications of their decisions, especially those seeking entry into graduate school or licensed professions. Students considering graduate programs and/or seeking licensure (including social work and teacher education students) should speak with their advisor prior to opting into the modified P/NC policy. Some scholarships and financial aid requiring a minimum GPA can also be impacted.

**The deadline for opting in to the modified Pass/No Credit option is 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15.**

### **Modified Pass/No Credit Policy:**

1. Students will receive a letter grade (A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, F, I, W, WF) unless they opt-in to the modified P/NC option.
2. Students opting in to the modified P/NC option will:
  - a. receive the grade of P if the student meets the minimum course requirements for a passing grade; or
  - b. receive the grade of NC if the student does not meet the minimum course requirements for a passing grade
3. Students may elect to opt-in to the modified P/NC option in any undergraduate course, including those that satisfy any major, minor, or Core requirements.
4. If an academic program requires a particular letter grade or higher to progress in the major, the grade of P will be considered as meeting this requirement.
5. To opt-in, students must submit a request for each course. A form will be available through the Registrar on April 6.
6. Once a student makes the decision to opt-in to the modified P/NC option, the student may not subsequently opt-out. In other words, the decision is irreversible.

**The following Marist policies remain in effect:**

1. Grades of P and NC will not be calculated into the students' GPA, including major GPA and overall GPA.
2. Grades of P and NC will appear on student transcripts.
3. Grades of NC will result in zero credit for the course.
4. No quality points are earned for a grade of P or NC.
5. In order to appear on the Dean's List, students must earn a semester grade-point average of at least 3.60 having completed a minimum of 12 academic credits graded on the A-F scale with no grades of I, D, F, or W/F.
6. Eligibility for Graduation Honors (including Summa, Magna, and Cum Laude) remains the same. Please consult the Marist Catalog for more information about Graduation Honors.