SGS Policy on P/NC Grades for Spring 2020 Semester

- SGS graduate students enrolled in graduate level classes (16:xxx:500 and above) or in undergraduate courses that are approved parts of their graduate curriculum have the option to switch their grading modality from A, B, C, F letter grades to P/NC for any Spring 2020 class through May 22, 2020. The “P” grade replaces the A, B, C letter grades. The “NC” grade replaces the F letter grade.
- “P” grades will count towards the credits required for the degree, but they will not enter into GPA calculation.
- SGS graduate students have the option to drop any Spring 2020 class, with advisor approval, until May 1, 2020, provided it does not risk the student’s visa or financial aid status. International graduate students should take into consideration registration credit minima if they decide to drop classes. International graduate students should consult with International Student Services before making decisions about dropping courses.
- P/NC and U grades earned during the Spring 2020 semester will not be permitted to contribute to any SGS student being deemed as “not in good academic standing.”
- This policy also applies to students enrolled in 4+1 (Bachelor’s/Master’s) programs.
- This policy does not apply to SGS graduate students affiliated with the RBHS portion of SGS.
- The P/NC option should be evaluated very carefully by individual Ph.D. students. Ph.D. students are urged to consult with their advisor and graduate program director before choosing the P/NC option as there may be negative consequences related to choosing P/NC. Some Ph.D. programs will still require letter grades in certain courses where there is a requirement for a “B or better” grade for advancing in the program.
- The policy on P/NC grades for undergraduates enrolled in graduate courses will be governed by the university’s policy for undergraduate grading.