



2020 Winter Term Grading

This document provides undergraduate engineering students, and students applying for admission to an engineering program from the Preliminary Year Engineering Program, information regarding:

1. how 2020 winter term grades will be assigned,
2. student choices as to how grades will appear on their transcript, and
3. how grades will be used for admission, prerequisite requirements and graduation requirements.

Additionally, this document provides students important information as to

4. how 2020 winter term course grades of “D” or “F” can be optionally changed to “VW”.

If you have questions regarding any information in this document, contact your student advisor.

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1. How 2020 Winter Term Grades Will Be Assigned?

In all courses instructional staff will assign a grade of A+ to F for each student based on term work and final exam outcomes (if applicable) as per the marking scheme indicated on the most up-to-date course outline. The final course grades will be available to students in early May 2020.

2. Student Choices as to How Grades Will Appear on Their Transcript

The University of Manitoba Senate has passed several motions allowing students choices as to how their grades will appear on their transcript. These motions are available at:

https://umanitoba.ca/admin/governance/senate/motions/senate_executive_motions_2020.html

The choices are:

Standard Approach: Accept the Letter Grade received: This is the standard grading approach approved at the UM and represents the default grading approach for students. The grade will be used in all GPA calculations.

Option 1 : Accept the Letter Grade received but exclude it from the UM GPA calculations. Letter grade will appear on the student’s transcript with a notation indicting that the student chose to exclude it from their UM GPA calculations due to the COVID-19 situation. Grades excluded will not be used in calculating GPAs for the purpose of program progression and/or overall graduation

requirements. However, letter grades will continue to be used to satisfy UM pre-requisite requirements for entry into other courses, or admission to other programs, and to satisfy any other program requirements. (APPROVED BY SENATE EXECUTIVE; MARCH 25, 2020)

Option 2: Choose to have performance assessed as 'Pass' or 'Fail': In this scenario no letter grade will be recorded or retained. A notation will be used to indicate that the student chose this approach. 'Pass' grades will be available only if the original letter grade is 'D' or higher and will not be included in the UM GPA calculations. If a student chooses to receive a 'Pass' grade, no letter grade will be retained or associated with the student's performance in the course. 'Pass' grades will not be used in calculating GPAs for the purpose of program progression and/or overall graduation requirements. (APPROVED BY SENATE EXECUTIVE; APRIL 1, 2020)

3. How Grades Will Be Used for Admission, Prerequisite and Graduation Requirements

Importantly: Senate mandated that regardless of any choice made with respect to course grading, students will remain obliged to meet all existing program admission, prerequisite, progression, degree, and graduation policies and requirements that apply to them.

The relevant policies and requirements for engineering programs include:

- a) For admission to an engineering program a minimum of 8 of 12 required courses in the Preliminary Engineering Program each with a minimum grade of "C".
- b) A prerequisite course must have been completed with a "C" grade or better.
- c) The requirement for a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering is a grade of "C" or better in all courses in the students' program.

The Option 2 'Pass' can be a grade of "D" or higher; accordingly a 'pass' grade does not satisfy the above three requirements for engineering programs. **Engineering students are advised that any course for which a 'Pass' grade is selected:**

- will be excluded from consideration for admission into an engineering program,
- will not be considered to meet any prerequisite requirements,
- will not count toward completion of a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree program, and
- courses with 'Pass' grades will have to be repeated if they are needed for their engineering degree.

4. How a 2020 Winter Term Course Grade of "D" or "F" Can Be Optionally changed to a "VW"

For the 2020 winter term students who receive a "D" or "F" grade in any course within their engineering program can apply to their student advisors to have this grade changed to VW. It is expected that applications for this grade change will normally be approved. Credit will not be given for courses with a final grade of "D", "F", or "VW", nor will these courses satisfy prerequisite requirements. To obtain credit, these courses must be repeated with a final grade of "C" or higher.

Additionally, regardless of the final grade, students can request a VW for a 2020 winter term course. Maximum flexibility possible will be exercised for these requests.