

Dear Graduate Students,

I hope this message finds you healthy and well. You've likely seen the message and [FAQ's](#) from the Provost's Office regarding Pass/Fail options for the Spring 2020 semester. The list on the site is a bit long and includes items that are more specific to our larger undergraduate population. We wanted to send a follow up message to you highlighting things relative to master's students for you to consider when making this important decision:

Temple is providing you with the choice of Pass/Fail (P/F) for your courses. This is an option, on a course by course basis, for Spring 2020 only.

- Students must go into self-service banner and select whether they want the standard grade or the P/F grade.

The withdrawal deadline for full semester courses has been pushed back to April 27th. The withdrawal deadline for FGC (2nd half of the semester, 6 week courses) and FGF ("Slot 3" of the semester) parts of term is April 24th.

If you choose to receive a pass/fail grade, the instructor will submit one of the following grades for you for that course.

- P = C- or above
- F = D+, D, D-, or F
- An F does count in the GPA and in hours attempted and is considered a substandard grade;
- P does not count in the GPA, but does count in hours attempted, completed and passed. In addition, a P is considered a satisfactory grade and is not considered a grade below B- nor a substandard grade per the graduate school policy 02.24.22.01.

Repeating a course for a better grade/GPA? Per the Graduate School:

- A "P" will not help increase a deficient GPA.
- If the GPA is healthy (above a 3.0), then P/F is a viable option.
- If the GPA is below 3.0 and/or if you are repeating a class to remove a substandard grade, then you are advised to maintain the standard letter grade option.

Reinstatement Conditions

- If you have received instruction from The Graduate School that you need to receive a "B" or better in a certain class to satisfy your condition of reinstatement to your program, receiving a "Pass" will satisfy the conditions of your reinstatement (per The Graduate School); however, a "Pass" will not help increase a deficient GPA (below 3.0)

Pre-Requisites

- For the Spring 2020 semester only, a "P" will satisfy the B- or better requirement that is listed for Fox courses that have pre-requisites;
- In the future (after Spring 2020 grades have posted), if you received a "P" in a pre-requisite course, you will need an advisor to process a pre-requisite override so you can register for the course requiring the pre-requisite.



Professional Certifications/Exams

- Grades are not needed for the financial professional certifications
- Grades are needed for Actuarial credits;
 - For the actuarial credentials, part of the requirements are VEE (Validation by Educational Experience) credits for Macro & Microeconomics, Corporate Finance, and Mathematical Statistics. A student gets VEE credit in a particular subject by getting a grade of B- or above in the respective course(s).
 - If opting in to P/F, a student should obtain a letter from their instructor stating what the grade was that the student would have earned.
<https://www.soa.org/education/exam-req/resources/edu-vee-applying-faq/>

Transferability

- Colleges/Universities may not accept transfer credit(s) without a letter grade. If you are taking a course that you intend to transfer to another school or program, please discuss P/F with that school or program.

Company Reimbursement

- Companies have different policies regarding tuition reimbursement. For example, some employers will only reimburse with a grade of B or better. Students should check with their employers on company policies regarding reimbursement for Pass/Fail grades.
- If requesting a letter for company reimbursement, the letter will include information regarding the choice students were given between standard letter grades and P/F.

Veteran Benefits

- Grades of P or F will not impact your benefits.

Financial Aid Eligibility/Scholarships

- If you are concerned about academic progress for your financial aid eligibility, you should discuss this with [Parisa Salavitarbar](#), our Student Financial Services representative.
- If you have external scholarships, you should be cognizant of the GPA or grade requirements for that scholarship. You should check with the awarding entity.
- If you have a Fox Scholarship, simply choosing the P/F option will not impact your eligibility. As stated above:
 - P does not count in the GPA, but does count in hours attempted, completed and passed.
 - An F does count in the GPA and in hours attempted and is considered a substandard grade

Graduation Awards/Beta Gamma Sigma

- These honors are contingent upon earning a certain (very competitive) GPA. Electing a "P" will not hurt your GPA, but it will also not raise your GPA.

Joint Degree with the Professional Schools

- MD, JD, PharmD, DMD, DPM students should discuss how P/F grades in Fox courses will impact their degree progress in their professional school. Fox will accept “P” grades for the MBA programs from these professional schools.

4+1 Students

- The Graduate School has advised that you select standard letter grading for your master’s level courses rather than P/F.

You have between Monday, April 6th and Friday, April 27th to make this decision. If you select a grade mode and wish to change your selection, you may do so until 5 p.m. (eastern time) on April 27th. Please weigh your options carefully and decide what is in your best interest with regards to your grading choices. Remember, you may make a grading selection on a course by course basis.

Our team remains ready to work with you as you navigate this decision. We have added special virtual open office hours to address any questions you may have. Students may drop in, no appointment necessary! However, if you have a more in-depth question, we encourage you to make an appointment so we have the appropriate time to devote directly to your unique situation.

Open Office Hours for Quick Questions – No Appointment Necessary

Rachel Carr – Specialized Master’s Programs

<https://temple.zoom.us/my/rachel.carr>

April 6 – April 27

Mondays, 11:00am-12:00pm

Tuesdays, 7:45am-8:45am

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

Brian Seidel – Specialized Master’s Programs

<https://temple.zoom.us/my/jbseidel>

April 6 – April 27

Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm

Thursdays, 8:30-9:30am (Starting April 16)*

Fridays, 1:30-2:30pm

Nick Dix – Global MBA

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/435990744>

April 6 – April 27

Mondays, 11:30am- 12:30pm

Wednesdays, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Fridays, 11:30am – 12:30pm

Kim Sakil – Online MBA or Part Time MBA

<https://temple.zoom.us/my/ksakil1972>

April 6-8, 3:00pm – 4:00 pm, then

April 13 – April 27:

Mondays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm



Wednesdays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
Fridays, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Chris Lind – Online MBA or Part Time MBA

<https://temple.zoom.us/my/chrislind>

April 6 – April 27

Tuesdays, 10:00am – 11am

Wednesdays, 10:00am – 11am

Thursdays, 10:00am – 11am (starting April 16)*

Kim Cherwinski – Online MBA or Part Time MBA

<https://temple.zoom.us/my/cherwinski>

April 6 – April 27

Tuesdays, 8:00am – 9:00am

Thursdays, 8:00am – 9:00am (starting April 16)*

Valerie Henry – MBA & Specialized Master’s Programs

<https://temple.zoom.us/j/782544838>

April 6 – April 27

Mondays, 8:30am - 9:30am

Wednesdays, 8:30am – 9:30am

*Open hours will not be held on April 9 due to the opening of Fall 2020 registration.

We continue to be available via email, phone and zoom appointments for all of your advising needs.

- **Global MBA:** foxmba@temple.edu or schedule an appointment with [Nick Dix](#)
- **Online MBA:** foxomba@temple.edu or schedule an appointment with [Kim Sakil](#)
- **Part-Time MBA (Center City and Conshohocken):** foxpmba@temple.edu or schedule an appointment with [Chris Lind](#)
- **Specialized Masters, 4+1 degrees, and Certificates:** foxms@temple.edu or schedule an appointment with [Brian Seidel](#)

We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone. In addition to advising appointments, please know that the university has resources available that you may find helpful:

- [Student Emergency Aid Fund](#)
- [Tuttleman Counseling Services](#)
- [Disability Resources and Services](#)
- [Cherry Pantry](#)

We wish you a successful end to the Spring 2020 semester!

Valerie Henry



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