

Office of the Senior Vice President/Provost Academic Affairs



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Good afternoon all students,

In an effort to alleviate your stress and anxiety as result of the unprecedented disruptions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic this semester and in a spirit of a Pass/Fail option, we have decided the following:

Modified Grading Scale

The goal of this is to reduce your uncertainty and stress while encouraging you to focus on the successful achievement of student learning outcomes. At this time, this option is available for the Spring 2020 semester only. Below is the new grading scale for the Spring 2020 semester.

Undergraduate Students Proposed grading scale

A	100-85
B	70-84
C	69-55
D	54-and below
F	See Definition Below

STVU Graduate Students proposed grading scale

A+, A, A-	100-85
B+, B, B-	70-84
C+, C	69-55
C- and below	54 and below

The transcript will include a notation to reflect a change in the grading scale for the spring 2020 semester.

The definition of an "F" and/or a C- for STVU is:

1. Insufficient attendance (i.e. Less than 20% attendance).
2. Lack of work submission
3. Lack of engagement according to the assigned virtual learning modalities and expectations of the course.

For this semester F grades will not be based upon percentages or points earned in a class.

For example if a student is earning at 87%, this policy would result in the student earning a letter grade of an A. Conversely, if a student is performing at 20%, while being responsive and engaging through the particular modality outlined for that course, he/she will earn a D.

Requesting an Incomplete Grade

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The current plan is to manage incomplete (I) grades as they are normally done. Faculty have been encouraged to make every effort possible to support you, as long as you have been making satisfactory progress and have completed the majority of the work for the course. For these cases, each faculty member will use the "I" grade that can be entered at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. Please discuss the incomplete option with your instructor and a detailed plan on how course assignments will be completed as soon as possible.

If "I" grades are recorded, students will have the Summer 2020 session to complete assignments and have the earned grade recorded by July 7-8, 2020. If more time is needed, students will have ½ of the Fall 2020-2021 session to complete assignments and have the earned grade recorded by October 31, 2020. The Office of the Registrar has agreed to suspend the 60-day policy on "I" grade removal. The Office of the Registrar has also agreed to suspend the prerequisite policy for one semester. This will allow students to maintain academic progress, completing "I" grades and registering for courses concurrently during the Fall 2020-2021 semester.

Students are eligible to request an incomplete grade based on the following scale:

3-5 credit hours	1 credit hours eligible for an I grade
6-8 credit hours	2 credit hours eligible for an I grade
9-11 credit hours	3 credit hours eligible for an I grade
12-14 credit hours	4 credit hours eligible for an I grade
15 - 17 credit hours	5 credit hours eligible for an I grade
Greater to or equal to 18 credit hours	6 credit hours eligible for an I grade

The I grade form is online under MYVUU student tab

*This is consistent with the United States Department of Education policy that requires students successfully earn at least 67% of attempted credit hours per semester.

The following recommendations for the Emergency Grading policy was developed in collaboration with the following: Faculty Senate, Academic Standards Committee, Registrar, Assessment Committee, Deans, Enrollment Committee and Academic Affairs.

This is the Emergency Grading protocol. We would like for this to be the policy for Emergencies going forward.

With Panther Pride,

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