Emergency Grading Proposal Revision for Spring 2020 Semester: During the Covid-19 crisis (Spring 2020 Semester), faculty are permitted to alter the grading policy for each of their courses and determine whether or not students can opt to be graded with a Pass/No Pass. Faculty are not required to offer a P/NP option to students and cannot impose P/NP on students who would otherwise receive a letter grade. Faculty decisions to “opt in” or not “opt in” for P/NP are final and cannot be appealed by a student.

What Students Need to Consider Before Making the Decision to Choose a P/NP Option: Students need to know the consequences of their decision to select P/NP option if it is offered as an option. Although P/NP will not positively or negatively affect a students’ GPA, it could have an impact on their academic standing and or eligibility for awards, scholarships, etc. if their current GPA (end of Fall 2019) does not meet the eligibility requirements. The following may be impacted:

1. Academic Standing/Graduation Status/Financial Aid
2. Eligibility based on GPA
   a. Scholarships
   b. Athletics
   c. Study Abroad
   d. Internships
   e. Dean’s List/Academic Honors
3. Graduate school admissions (some Graduate schools require a minimum GPA requirement)
4. Scholarships
5. Reimbursement for courses from school district (Graduate)
6. Ability to transfer a course into an advanced program (CAGS, EdD) at other institutions

Making the Decision: Students are encouraged to discuss their decision whether to opt in or not opt in to P/NP grading with their advisors and instructors. It is important that all students understand the consequence of that decision.

Faculty Considerations for Making the Decision to Offer or Not Offer P/NP Option: Some faculty may choose not to provide the P/NP grading options for a particular course and that is the right of the individual faculty member. Instructors decision to not provide the P/NP option may include, but not be limited to, one or more of the following reasons:

1. Prerequisite requirements
2. Program requirements
3. Accreditation/certification requirements
4. Advanced level of program (CAGS, EdD)
5. Impact of a P/NP grade on Academic Standing or Eligibility (GPA considerations).