

GGG Advising Spring 2021

Grading FAQ Sheet

The new grading option

Students must proactively choose to switch grading modes. Students enrolled in A-F grading can choose to switch to an alternate “Extraordinary Circumstances” grading mode.

- The alternative grading mode has grades of XS, XP, and XN
- XW will be used when a student withdraws from a course (deadline April 30th)
- XS, XP, and XN grades will not be used for GPA calculation
- The current deadline to switch the grading mode is May 17th
- Each of your classes operate independently; you can do some as A-F grading, others as Extraordinary Circumstances

For undergraduates:

- The grade XS will be used for grades that would have been a C or better
- The grade XP will be used for grades of D or C-
- The grade XN will be used when a failing grade is earned
- As long as you earn passing grades in your classes, you will receive credit for the courses
- If the course serves as a prerequisite for another course, it **must** be passed at the level of C (or better), or XS.
- If the course serves as credits only (credits for the GEOG degree, most Mason Core classes, or the 120 credits to graduate), it must be passed at the level of D (or better), or XP

For graduates:

- The grade XS will be used for grades that would have been a B- or better
- The grade XP will be used for grades of C. An XP **will not count** towards the number of unsatisfactory grades stated under AP.6.6.2 Academic Termination.
- The grade XN will be used when credits are not earned. Consider the available withdrawal option (XW), as the effect of any non-passing grades on AP.6.6.2 Academic Termination will remain unaltered.



For more information about your grading options, please visit:
<https://registrar.gmu.edu/students/registration/spring-2020-grading-options/GPA>

Interactive Demo - Change Grade Mode:
<https://registrar.gmu.edu/interactive-demo-change-grade-mode/>

Calculators can be found at:
<https://advising.gmu.edu/current-student/gpa-calculator/>