

UP SYSTEM POLICY ON THE SECOND SEMESTER AY 2019-2020 IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Supplemental FAQs for UP Diliman

(Approved by the UP Diliman Executive Committee in its 296th Meeting on 01 June 2020)

With the BOR approval of UP Diliman's request for exemption from the numeric grading system, the following supplemental FAQs were prepared in order to guide both faculty and students on the remaining activities of the current semester.

1. The BOR resolution requires the numeric grading system. Does this mean the faculty has no option to give a non-numeric grade like P (Pass)?

The BOR resolution requires numeric grading system. However, Section 6.1.6 of the Implementing Guidelines provides for the filing of application for exemption from this grading system. The UP Diliman Executive Committee resolved to request for exemption from this BOR resolution for the whole UPD. On 21 May 2020, the BOR approved this request. The faculty now may use the following grades:

- a. **P (Pass)** will be the grade for those whose status is passing or are satisfactorily complying with course requirements upon the judgement of the faculty. With the permission of the Department/Unit, a faculty member may qualify the grade of Pass by providing an **adjectival remark**. A faculty member giving adjectival remark must always consider whether this is beneficial to the student. Per UP General Catalogue 2014, adjectival or qualitative remarks are **Excellent** (1.00 – 1.25); **Very Good** (1.50 – 1.75); **Good** (2.00 – 2.25); **Satisfactory** (2.50 – 2.75); **Pass** (3.00).
- b. **Numeric grade**

2. Does the aforementioned grading system apply to graduate students?

Units offering or handling graduate courses shall determine the parameters for the assessment of their students' academic performance, taking into consideration the current crisis situation. Such units may also opt to adopt the aforementioned grading system.

3. Given the approved grading system in item 1, does it mean students might get a combination of P, P with adjectival remark, and numeric grade for their courses this semester?

Yes, it becomes inevitable that students will have a combination of the grades described above.

4. How will students get evaluated for graduation if this semester will reflect a combination of numeric and non-numeric grades?

The UP Diliman Executive Committee also resolved not to include the grades this semester in the computation of the General Weighted Average (GWA). This has been approved by the BOR on 21 May 2020. Thus, in the evaluation of students' records for graduation, Student Records Evaluators (SREs) and Student Credit Evaluators (SCEs) will only count the courses this semester for credit but not for computing GWA.

5. What happens to students who need to have their GWA computed this semester to comply with scholarship or Board Exam requirements?

The EC resolution on grading states that a faculty may give a numeric grade upon the request of the students. This means students may request the professor for a numeric grade (in lieu of P) for purposes of complying with scholarship or Board Exam requirements.

6. Will P (Pass) with adjectival remarks and/or numeric grades this semester be computed for candidates for Latin honors?

No. Grades this semester are not included in the computation of the GWA because for most courses, the numeric grading system applied this semester cannot properly measure or will not be reflective of the performance of students considering the COVID-19 situation.

7. If grades this semester will not be included in the computation of GWA, does it mean courses enrolled this semester will not be credited?

Courses enrolled this semester will be credited once completed. The course credit will be counted or considered when students are evaluated for graduation. The computation of GWA is a separate matter from the crediting of courses.

8. Does a student have to be enrolled when complying with or completing the adjusted course requirements until 31 May 2021?

Yes, a student has to be enrolled when completing the adjusted course requirements during MYT 2020 or 1st semester 2020-2021 or 2nd semester 2020-2021. Graduating students as of 2nd Semester 2019-2020 or students with no more subjects to take must enroll in residence at the time of completion of requirements. The enrollment in Residence shall be annotated in the Transcript of Records with "due to COVID-19".

9. Do students need to enroll in bridging programs?

No, students will voluntarily sign-up to the bridging program which means it is not compulsory.

10. Questions 21 (on excused absences) & 22 (on unexcused absences) in the FAQs for UP Diliman are applicable only to 3-unit courses. What about absences from courses, 4 units and above?

Students who never attended class or incurred excused absences in 20% of the hours of recitation, lecture, laboratory, or any other scheduled work prior to class suspension will be given a DRP mark for the course, in accordance with University rule on attendance. The students may re-enroll the same course or equivalent course in succeeding semesters.

Section 6.1.4 of the BOR resolution implementing guidelines states that no student shall be given a grade of 4.0, 5.0 or INC for courses in the 2nd semester AY 2019-2020. Thus, students who incurred unexcused absences in 20% of the hours of recitation, lecture, laboratory, or any other scheduled work prior to suspension will be given a DRP mark for the course (instead of a 5.0 per University rule). The students may re-enroll the same course or equivalent course in succeeding semesters.