Assessment changes to accommodate COVID-19 - FAQs

Please note these assessment changes to accommodate COVID-19.

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Find out what your grades mean: HD, DN, CR, PS...

HD
High Distinction: An outstanding performance; mark range 85-100. Indicates that the student has produced outstanding work, and has demonstrated a high level of understanding across the entire content of the course.

DN
Distinction: A superior performance; mark range 75-84. Indicates that the student has demonstrated superior ability to consider the course and its assessment requirements from a number of perspectives and to explore their interrelation.

CR
Credit: A good performance; mark range 65-74. Indicates that the student has demonstrated the ability to think analytically and contextually about the course and its assessment requirements, and to understand/present alternative points of view/perspectives and supporting evidence.

PS
Pass: An acceptable level of performance; mark range 50-64. Indicates that the student has addressed the assessment requirements of the course and has demonstrated an acceptable understanding of the issues entailed.

PC
Pass Conceded. This grade was discontinued after Summer Term 2015/6. A performance below that normally required for a pass. Was granted when the overall performance was considered to warrant such a concession, and allowed progression to another course for which the former course was a prerequisite.

LE
Late Entry: Late entry. A result has not been submitted by the Course Authority.

EC
Enrolment Continuing: The course is taken over more than one Teaching Period and the assessment will be finalised in a later Teaching Period.
SY
Satisfactory or Pass: (Pass* was discontinued in the mid-1970s.) Satisfactory completion of a course for which a graded pass is not awarded. No mark is given so courses with this grade are not included in the calculation of your WAM. However, the units of credit are counted as successfully completed, when calculating your academic standing.

PE
Professional Experience: Student undertaking a course designated as professional experience. Result pending.

XE
Exchange Enrolment: Student undertaking an Exchange program.

NA
Not Assessed: Completion of a course which has no assessment requirements

RC
Research Continuing: Research continuing. No mark is given.

RS
Research Satisfactory: Satisfactory completion of a research program

RD
Result Deferred: Student is unable to complete a course in the current Teaching Period. The student must re-enrol to obtain a result.

AF
Absent Fail: Unsatisfactory performance; no assessment attempted.

FL
Fail: Unsatisfactory performance, below the minimum expected level. This grade characterises work which shows a significant lack of understanding of the topic or its context, and is therefore unsatisfactory.

UF
Unsatisfactory Fail: Unsatisfactory performance in an essential component of the course.

AS
Audited Course: Assessment not attempted; course not counted towards award requirements.

NC
Coursework Students
Not Completed: Course assessment requirements have not been completed in a timely manner.

The NC grade is not included in the calculation of your WAM. However, it is counted as a failed course when calculating your academic standing.

Research Students
An NC will be applied to the last study period on a research student’s transcript, where the product of the research program was not ultimately submitted. Where an NC is applied in this way, it does not reflect an evaluation of the student’s performance in that study period. Instead, it denotes that the research program was not completed.

EM
Excluded Misconduct. Student has been permanently excluded on the grounds of academic misconduct.

NF
Course discontinued without failure. Enrolment in this course is not recorded on myUNSW or an official academic transcript.

AW
Academic Withdrawal. Student discontinued the course after the deadline to drop without academic penalty but before the last day of the teaching period.

The AW grade is not included in the calculation of your WAM. However, it is counted as a failed course when calculating your academic standing. The AW grade becomes part of your official academic record, so it is included on your academic transcript.

Note that UAC and other tertiary institutions count all units of credit with an AW grade as 'fails' when determining your GPA.

PW
Permitted Withdrawal. Student was permitted to discontinue the course without financial penalty, through the fee remission process.

For Terms and Semesters prior to Semester 1/Term 1 2019, the PW grade is not included in the calculation of your WAM. However, the PW grade is counted as a fail when calculating your academic standing. The PW grade becomes part of your official academic record and is included on your official academic transcript.

For Terms and Semesters from Semester 1/Term 1 2019 and beyond, the PW grade is not included in the calculation of your WAM. However, the PW grade is counted as a fail when calculating your academic standing. The PW grade becomes part of your official academic record but is not included on your official academic transcript.

WC
Result not finalised. The student has submitted a request for Special Consideration, for which the outcome is pending.

WD
Result not finalised. The student has not submitted or completed one or more components of the assessment requirement.
Result finalised but not released. Awaiting the outcome of an unresolved matter.

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