

# Pass/No Pass and Elected Withdrawal Options

## Grading Options in the spring 2020 term due to COVID-19

Dear RCCD Student,

Are you aware of your grading options for Spring 2020 courses?

### Pass / No Pass

You are able to elect a Pass/No-pass (P/NP) grading option for your course(s). The deadline to elect a P/NP for Spring 2020 courses is July 15, 2020.

We also understand that you may decide to pause your attendance. In this case, when you drop your course(s) you are able to elect an Excused Withdrawal (EW). The deadline to elect an EW for Spring 2020 courses is July 15, 2020. After July 15, you still have one year from the end of your spring 2020 courses to complete an Extenuating Circumstances Petition for an EW grade. The deadline to receive a refund for courses dropped with an EW is May 15, 2020.


### What are the steps to elect a P/NP?

1. Send an email requesting Pass/No Pass and course(s) for which it is requested from RCCD student email to [admissions@mvc.edu](mailto:admissions@mvc.edu), [admissions@norcocollege.edu](mailto:admissions@norcocollege.edu), or [admissionsriverside@rcc.edu](mailto:admissionsriverside@rcc.edu).
2. Once processed, an Admissions & Records staff will send confirmation email back to you.

### What are the steps to elect an EW?

If you wish to drop your course(s), please proceed to do so on WebAdvisor or EduNav and send an email from your RCCD student email account to [admissions@mvc.edu](mailto:admissions@mvc.edu), [admissions@norcocollege.edu](mailto:admissions@norcocollege.edu), or [admissionsriverside@rcc.edu](mailto:admissionsriverside@rcc.edu) by requesting the following:

1. The specific course or courses you wish to drop; AND
2. A Withdrawal (W) grade to be modified to Excused Withdrawal (EW). EW does not impact your academic standing or repeatability of the course(s); AND
3. A refund for the dropped course(s) will be processed by staff. You can verify the refund amount by checking WebAdvisor's Account Summary for accuracy. Please be mindful that it may take a few weeks before actual refunds are generated.

 ***If you have questions, please check with your Counselor before making these decisions.***

 ***Please refer to the student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) at [rccd.edu/covid-19](http://rccd.edu/covid-19) for additional information on grading options.***

### Grading Options – Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### **Q. What is a Pass/No-pass (P/NP) grade?**

A. “Pass” grade is at least satisfactory, the equivalent of a “C” or better. It is not computed in your GPA

A. "No Pass" grade is less than satisfactory or failing, the equivalent of a "D" or "F" grade. It is not computed in your GPA.

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**Q. What is an Excused Withdrawal (EW) grade?**

A. An "EW" grade means you are permitted to withdraw from a course(s) due to specific events beyond your control that affected your ability to complete a course(s).

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**AND**
2. A Withdrawal (**W**) grade to be modified to Excused Withdrawal (**EW**). EW does not impact your academic standing or repeatability of the course(s).  
**AND**
3. A refund for the dropped course(s) that our staff will process immediately. You can verify the refund amount by checking WebAdvisor's Account Summary for accuracy. Please be mindful that it may take a few weeks before actual refunds are generated.

**Q. Is there a deadline for EW refunds?**

A. Yes, the deadline to receive a refund for courses dropped with an **EW** is May 15, 2020. You can still drop the course with an **EW** after May 15, but you will not receive a refund.

**Q. How Does an EW affect my Financial Aid?**

A. If you dropped course(s) due to a COVID-19 situation and received an **EW** grade, your financial aid will not be impacted. You will not be required to repay any financial aid funds for spring 2020 for that course. Your **EW** grades issued for the Spring 2020 term will also not be included in the calculation for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in the quantitative calculation for Pace of Progression or Maximum Time Frame and will not impact a student's ability to receive financial aid in the future. Dropping without an **EW** for COVID related reasons may require repayment of any financial aid received for spring 2020. All **W** grades starting from March 9 (March 8 was deadline to drop without a **W**) will be administratively converted to **EW**.

**Q. How does a P/NP affect my Financial Aid?**

A. Courses in which a student receives a grade of **P** or **NP** will be evaluated for satisfactory academic progress (SAP) calculation. Courses with **NP** grades will be counted as attempted, but not completed, which will affect your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and your future financial aid eligibility.

**Q. How does a P/NP affect my transfer to the CSU system?**

A. Fall 2020 Transfers and Beyond

CSU campuses will accept "Pass" for courses completed in winter, spring or summer 2020 taken to satisfy:

A. Golden Four (English language [A2], oral communication [A1], critical thinking [A3], and mathematics/quantitative reasoning [B4]);

- B. All other General Education courses; and
- C. Major prerequisite courses.

For more information, please see: [COVID-19 Interim Impacts on CSU Undergraduate Admissions Policies and Practices \(PDF\)](#)

**Q. How does a P/NP affect my transfer to the UC system?**

A. UC usually allow a maximum of 14 semester transferable units of the 60 semester units required for admission to be graded on a Pass/No-pass basis. As a temporary policy due to the Covid-19 emergency, units completed in winter, spring, and summer 2020 for Pass/No-pass grades will not count toward the Pass/No-pass unit cap for UC. This applies to both current fall 2020 applicants/admits as well as prospective applicants for 2021, 2022, etc., who completed course work during winter, spring, and summer 2020.

Some institutions require courses for the major to be completed with a letter grade; thus, a Pass grade may result in a student needing to retake a course. Please check with the individual UC campus for further information. For more information, please see: [The University of California's Response to COVID-19: Admissions and Financial Aid \(PDF\)](#)

**Q. How do I contact Counseling, Financial Aid, and Admissions & Records at Moreno Valley College?**

A.

- Counseling: [conseling@mvc.edu](mailto:conseling@mvc.edu)
- Student Financial Services: [StudentFinancialServices@mvc.edu](mailto:StudentFinancialServices@mvc.edu)
- Admissions & Records: [admissions@mvc.edu](mailto:admissions@mvc.edu)

**Q. How do I contact Counseling, Financial Aid, and Admissions & Records at Norco College?**

A.

- Counseling: [counseling@norcocollege.edu](mailto:counseling@norcocollege.edu)
- Student Financial Services: [studentfinancialservices@norcocollege.edu](mailto:studentfinancialservices@norcocollege.edu)
- Admissions & Records: [admissions@norcocollege.edu](mailto:admissions@norcocollege.edu)

**Q. How do I contact Counseling, Financial Aid, and Admissions & Records at Riverside City College?**

A.

- Counseling: [criverside@rcc.edu](mailto:criverside@rcc.edu)
- Student Financial Services: [studentfinancialservices@rcc.edu](mailto:studentfinancialservices@rcc.edu) or call 951-222-8710 (leave voicemail for return call). ChatBot is available 24/7 at: <https://www.rcc.edu/services/studentfinancialservices/Pages/FINANCIAL-AID-HOME.aspx>
- Admissions & Records: [admissionsriverside@rcc.edu](mailto:admissionsriverside@rcc.edu) or call 951-222-8600 (leave voicemail for return call)