

Dear Students,

The University of Windsor is implementing a revised opt-in alternative grading system for the Intercession/Summer 2021 semester to provide flexibility to students who may be facing challenges academically due to circumstances beyond their control related to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

We strongly encourage students to strive for the best grade possible in all classes to support their future learning and success and to think about using alternative grading cautiously before selecting this option. All students considering any alternative grading are encouraged to meet with an academic advisor to consider the potential implications of using alternative grades on future academic and professional pursuits, such as future applications to law, medicine, graduate school, applications to a professional licensing organization, and employment opportunities OR with a financial aid advisor in the Student Awards & Financial Aid Office as there may be impact on student's financial assistance\*.

Once final grades have been posted to UWinsite Student, eligible students will have three options. They can choose:

- To retain the final course grade assigned by the professor (no action required);
- To request a Pass/ Non-Pass grade **for one course** based on the minimum required passing grade in their program or course; or,
- To voluntarily withdrawal from a course(s) without academic penalty.

The deadlines to select a Pass/Non-Pass grade or Voluntarily Withdrawal (VWC) for **Summer 2021 and 12-weeks Intercession/Summer 2021** courses are:

Semester	Session	Session End Date	Alternate Grade Policy Close Date
Inter/Summer 2021	Summer Session	August 10, 2021	September 10, 2021
Inter/Summer 2021	12-week Session	August 11, 2021	September 10, 2021

Eligible students must indicate their decision(s) within UWinsite Student before this deadline. Intercession/Summer grades will not be deemed final until after all Intercession/Summer grades have been submitted. Pass/Non-Pass grades and Voluntary Withdrawals be manually entered on your student record.

**Eligibility:** The Revised Grading Regulations about Pass/Non-Pass option applies to all students **except** pre-service students in the Faculty of Education. Students from all programs are eligible to select the Voluntary Withdrawal (VWC) option **except** pre-service students in the Faculty of Education and students in the Faculty of Law's JD and Dual JD programs.

Should you have any questions please use <https://ask.uwindsor.ca/> for a live chat, ask a question or to review related Knowledge Base Articles (KBAs). This [article](#) outlines the process to select an alternative grading option.

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**\*Possible impact on student financial assistance:**

***Impact of Alternative Grading System on OSAP***

*It is recognized that dropping or withdrawing from course(s) may be necessary to avoid academic standing issues. If you are receiving student financial aid, dropping or withdrawing from course(s) could have both immediate, and future financial implications. Prior to dropping or withdrawing from course(s), ensure you understand the impact to your financial aid eligibility and assessment.*

***Impact of Alternative Grading System on Scholarship Renewal***

*For Renewable Scholarship eligibility, students must remain registered in a minimum 60% course load each semester for the 2020-21 academic year only, and maintain the minimum cumulative average required for their respective awards.*

*If you are considering either the Pass/No Pass or Voluntary Withdrawal (VWC) option as outlined above, you may wish to contact the Student Awards and Financial Aid office via email at [award1@uwindsor.ca](mailto:award1@uwindsor.ca) to discuss the possible impact on your scholarship renewal eligibility.*

*This information can also be found on the Student Awards and Financial Aid website*

*- <https://www.uwindsor.ca/studentawards/osap>*

Sincerely,

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